PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

47th ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Contentnea
Primitive Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

BLACK CREEK CHURCH
Wilson County

Commencing on Friday Before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1932

ELDER THOMAS BUNCH, Moderator
ELDER WM. K. TAYLOR, Assist. Moderator
BROTHER L. H. HARRIS, Clerk
BROTHER ROBERT REVIS, Assist. Clerk

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Black Creek Church, 1932

The Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association met in session with Black Creek church, Wilson county. N. C., commencing on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1932. The meeting was opened by Elder Thomas Bunch, who sang hymn No. 529. Prayer was offered by Elder Wm. K. Taylor. Elder Thomas Bunch came forth and preached the introductory sermon, taking his text from Romans 9:30-33. Elder Paul Bunch came forth and sang hymn No. 76, and preached the alternate sermon, taking his text from St. John 6:31. Elder Thomas Bunch closed by singing hymn No. 355. Recess for an hour.

Friday Afternoon Session

The association assembled with the moderator present. Hymn No. 68 was lined by Elder Wm. K. Taylor, after which he offered prayer. The law was read by Elder T. B. Bunch from the 18th chapter of St. Matthew. Delegates from the different churches chose Elder T. B. Bunch moderator, Elder Wm. K. Taylor assistant moderator, Brother L. H. Harris clerk, Elder Robert Revis assistant clerk and Brother Debro Bunch association treasurer.

1 On motion we invited brethren and messengers to seat with us and feel themselves at home.

2 On motion agreed a committee of arrangement of preaching be appointed, and the association appointed Brothers Davie and Fate Newsom and Elder T. B. Bunch.

3 On motion agreed that Brother Robt. Revis record the ministers' texts.

4 On motion agreed that we appoint a financial

committee and Brothers S. L. Woodard, Fate Newsom and Debro Bunch were appointed.

5 On motion the list of churches be called and the messengers names be enrolled. Black Creek, Brothers S. L. Woodard and Debro Bunch; Bellamy chapel, Elder Wm. K. Taylor and Brother Ellis Vick; Piney Grove, Brothers Davie Newsom, Fate Colls; Simms chapel, Bro. Raner; Bellamy Grove, Elder Jonah, Fate Newsom; Contentnea chapel, Bros. Freeman White, Will Tabron; Little Nahunta, Bros. Hurcel Barnes, Jim Rasberry; Shady Grove, Elder Robt. Revis, Bro. S. L. Woodard

6 On motion agreed the letters from several churches be read.

7 On motion agreed the letters were received.

8 On motion agreed corresponding messengers make their report. Little River association was represented by Elder C. M. Steward and Bro. J. E. Everett, being in peace and desiring that friendly correspondence continue; next session to convene at Mt. Moriah, Smithfield, N. C., commencing Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1933. The Union association of North Carolina was represented by Elder Robt. Edwards as being in peace and love and desiring that our friendly correspondence continue; next association to convene at Oaky Grove church commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1933. The Radicue association was represented by Elder W. J. Moore as being in peace and love and desiring that friendly correspondence continue; the next association to convene at Cabin Level commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1933.

The Corresponding association was represented by Elder Arthur Cherry as being in peace and love and desiring to keep up friendly correspondence; next session to convene at St. Paul

church (get off at Robersonville) commencing on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1933. Loving association was represented by Elder John W. Delio Hunt as being in peace and love and desired to keep up friendly correspondence; next session to convene at Forge chapel church (get off at Veronie) commencing on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1933.

9 On motion the messengers were received by the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

10 On motion agreed that petitionary letters be called for.

11 On motion agreed we assign Elder Jonah Bunch to assist the Little River association at Cool Spring church in 1933.

12 On motion agreed delegates from the several churches retire and select a place for the meeting of the next association, and Bellamy Chapel (get off at Sharpsburg, N. C.)

13 On motion agreed conference adjourn with

Elder Thomas Bunch, Moderator
Elder Wm. K. Taylor, Asst. Moderator
Brother L. H. Harris, Clerk
Elder Robert Revis, Asst. Clerk

Saturday Morning Session

The association assembled and opened with the singing of hymn No. 533. Elder Cherry offered prayer, after which the moderator announced the house in order for business.

14 On motion agreed the list of delegates be called. All present.

15 On motion list of messengers called, present.

16 On motion Friday proceedings be read.

17 On motion same received and adopted.

18 On motion committee of arrangements of preaching make its report. Committee appointed Elder Paul Bunch to the stand, followed by Elder John W. Delio Hunt and Elders Robert Revis and Robert Edwards.

19 On motion agreed circular letters be read.

20 On motion agreed circular letters be received aud adopted.

21 On motion agreed old treasurer make his report. $4.50.

22 On motion agreed report be received.

23 On motion agreed that under the supervision of the moderator and clerk there shall be 500 copies of the minutes printed and distributed.

24 On motion agreed that finance committee make its report.

25 On motion agreed, committee reported $46.93

26 On motion agreed the abstract of principles and rules of decorum and church government be printed in the minutes.

27 On motion agreed names of elders, deacons clerks and their postoffices be printed in minutes.

28 On motion agreed the conference adjourn by singing hymn No. 505.

Elder Thomas Bunch, Moderator
Elder Wm. K. Taylor, Asst. Moderator
Brother L. H. Harris, Clerk
Elder Robert Revis, Asst. Clerk

Saturday Afternoon Session

The conference opened by singing hymn No. 188. Prayer was offered by Elder W. J. Moore, and the moderator announced the house in order for business.

29 On motion agreed the list of delegates be called. All present.

30 On motion the corresponding delegates be called, all present.

31 On motion agreed Saturday morning session be read.

32 On motion agreed same be received.

33 On motion agreed the arrangement committee make their report. Committee appointed Bro. Jethro Dixon to the stand to open meeting to be followed by Elders Isaac Williams and Arthur Cherry.

34 On motion agreed take up unfinished business

35 On motion agreed that Sims chapel remain in the hands of the moderator until the church becomes satisfied.

36 On motion agreed we pay our clerk the sum of $3.00 for his services.

37 On motion agreed the moderator appoint messengers to visit the sister associations with whom we correspond. Little River association Elder Thomas Bunch,, Loving association Elder Paul Bunch, Union association Elder Jonah Bunch, Radicue asscciation Elder Robert Revis, Corresponding association Elder Wm. K. Taylor.

38 On motion agreed the association pay off all expenses.

39 On motion agreed that Saturday evening proceedings be read and received.

40 On motion agreed that conference adjourn by singing hymn No. 606.

Elder Thomas Bunch, Moderator
Elder Wm. K. Taylor, Asst. Moderator
Brother L. H. Harris, Clerk
Elder Robert Revis, Asst. Clerk

Ministers Text Friday Afternoon

Elder Jonah Bunch opened by singing hymn

No. 141 and offered prayer. Bro. David Bynum sang hymn No. 208 and took his text from Psalms 16:8. Elder W. J. Moore came forward and took his text from Revelations 20:5. Elder Thomas Campbell closed by singing hymn No. 49.

Ministers Text Friday Night

Services opened by Elder Wm. K. Taylor singing hymn No. 461. Prayer offered by Bro. S. L. Woodard, after which Elder Taylor preached from the 8th chapter. Elder Thomas Bunch followed his text being from chapter 15 of St. John. Bro. Woodard closed with hymn No. 503. Collection 25c

Ministers Text Saturday Morning

Elder Paul Bunch opened by singing hymn No. 372 and offered prayer. Elder John W. Debro Hunt sang hymn No. 688 and took for his text Revelations 6:5. Elder Robert Revis sang hymn No. 353, and preached from St. John 16:7. Elder Robert Edwards preached from Isaiah chapter 40. Elder Fate Melton took his text and preached from Romans 7:10. Elder Thomas Bunch closed by singing hymn No. 88.

Ministers Text Saturday afternoon

Bro. Jethro Dixon opened by singing Hymn No. 35 and offered prayer. Elder Isaac Williams sang hymn No. 356 and preached from St. John 9:4. Elder Arthur Cherry came forward singing 189 and preached from Revelation. Elder Thomas Bunch closed by singing hymn 490. Collect. $1.84.

Saturday Night Session

Bro. S.L. Woodard opened the meeting by singing hymn No. 147 and offered prayer. Elder Wm. K. Taylor preached, his text being from 3rd chapter of Job, after which Elder Arthur Cherry sang

hymn No. 490 and preached, bearing witness to the fore leading elder. Elder Thomas Bunch then preached from St. John 26:3, and closed by singing hymn No. 540. Collect. 61c.

Sunday Morning Session

Hymn No 400 was lined by Elder Thomas Bunch and prayer was offered by Elder Arthur Cherry. Elder John W. Delio Hunt preached from the 7th chapter of Luke· Elder W. J. Moore sang hymn 118 and preached from Deuteronomy 24:16. Elder Cherry sang hymn 615 and took his text from Isaiah 26:1-2. Elder Charlie Stewart preached James 26-29. Elder Simon E. Hemby sang hymn 129 and preached from St. Matthew 21st chapter. Elder Wm. K. Taylor preached bearing witness. Elder Thomas Bunch closed by singing hymn 298.

Elder Thomas Bunch, Moderator
Elder Wm. K. Taylor, Asst. Moderator
Brother L. H. Harris, Clerk
Elder Robert Revis, Asst. Clerk

Circular Letter

Dear Brethren: This is the 47th annual session of the Contentnea Primitive association held with the church at Black Creek, Wilson county, N. C., commencing Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1932, for 3 days. Dear brethren in the Lord, we have met your messengers and heard them set forth the words of God. Now brethren, we want to keep friendly corresponding for the mystery of the faith in God the Father, Jesus the Mediator, and the Holy Spirit the Blessed Comforter, which was given us in Christ before the world began. Done by order of the conference.

Elder Thomas Bunch, Moderator
Brother L. H. Harris, Clerk

Names of Elders and Postoffice

Elder Thomas Bunch, Fremont
Elder Wm. K. Taylor, Sharpsburg
Elder Paul Bunch, R 1, Fremont
Elder Jonah Bunch, R 1, Black Creek
Elder Robert Revis, Fremont

Names of Deacons and Postoffice

Brothor S. L. Woodard, R3, Box 110, Wilson
Brother Ellis Vick, Sharpsburg
Bro. Freeman White, 510 School St, Goldsboro
Brother Fate Newsom, Fremont
Brother David Newsom, R2, Lucama

Names of Clerks and Postoffices

Brother L. H. Harris, R1, Box 107, Fremont
Sister Lily B. Armstrong, Sharpsburg
Brother G. H. Barnes, Fremont
Brother Will Tabron, Goldsboro

Collection in association $53.65; Expense $28.65, balance $25.00

Rules of Decorum and Church Government

CONTENTNEA CIRCUIT

Article 1, That members comprising this church shall assemble themselves together at their respective churches Sunday and the Saturday before unless prevented by unavoidable necessity. Heb. 10:10 "And not forsake the assembling of our. selves together as the matter of some is."

2, The members of the church shall meet in conference on Saturday before the first Sunday in each month. Acts 15:6, "And the Apostles and Elders came together to consider of this matter."

3, Conference shall be opened and closed with

prayer to Almighty God. 1 Tim. 2:1, "I exhort, therefore, that first of all prayer and intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men." 1st Thes. 1:17-18, "Pray without ceasing, and everything give thanks for this the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

4, The pastor of the church shall be moderator or nominate one who is present. When absent, the conference shall appoint one and after the conference shall be agreed. On motion visiting brethren from sister churches may be invited to take seats with us. Psalms 133:1, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

5, It shall be the duty of the moderator to preserve order and harmony in the conference according to these rules or others which may be subsequently adopted. He shall fairly state every question, according to the majority and report accordingly. 1 Cor. 16:10, "Let everything be done decently and in order."

6, The conference shall appoint a clerk, whose duty it shall be to record faithfully, in a well bound book, purchased by the conference, all of their proceedings and to do and perform all other such things as usually devolve upon such officers.

7, The members' names shall be enrolled distinctly, called over and a significant mark attached to their names which may be absent. Acts 1:15 "The number of their names together were about 120." When any member shall be absent three conferences it shall be the duty of the clerk to give notice thereof to the church, who thereupon shall order notice to be issued to the delinquent to be served by one of the deacons and upon which the conference may take such measures as to them may appear consonant with brotherly love and

gospel order. Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsake the assembling together."

8, A door shall be opened for the admission of new members who before admission shall verbally relate their experience, and when unanimous satfaction is offered the church in conference, that God has wrought a work of grace in their souls, it shall be the duty of the moderator to give them the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the church. And said candidate, shall after being baptized by immersion, become a member of the church, and not before. Peter 8:15, "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that ask you the reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." Mat. 28:19, "Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

9, If any member of the church bring a complaint of a private trespass having been committed upon him by one of his brethren, before he shall have complied with the requisition of the great head of the church, prescribed in the 8th chapter of Matthew, the church shall disregard it and shall be deemed disorderly, "Whereof if thy brother trespass against thee, etc."

10, It shall be deemed disorder to any member of the church who shall speak illiberally of one of his brethren or otherwise than is laid down in the recited 18th chapter of Matthew, "And who may join the world caluminating or traducing their character. Rom. 1:39, "Let love be without dissimulation." Gal. 6:12, "Brethren if a man be overtaken in fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself less thou also be tempted." "Bear yea one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

11. All public offenses against morality shall be

noted by the church publicly and the offenders dealt with according to gospel order. Mat. 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

12, Every motion made and seconded shall be taken under consideration of the conference, upless withdrawn by the mover and making it open for discussion or debate, but one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator by the appellation of Bro. Moderator, and when two or more shall arise at the same time, he shall decide without argument between them. 1 Cor. 14:40, "Let everything be done decently and in order."

13, Every query presented shall be thrice read before it is open for debate and it shall not be received unless a majority of those present concur in its reception and its decision a majority shall govern.

14, In all cases except in the admission of members into the church, a majority of those present shall govern whose decisions shall be final, except two-thirds of the members of the next conference agrees to consider the matter and two-thirds shall so agree the subject matter shall again come before the conference and this decision shall be final.

15, Implicit obedience shall be yielded to the decision of the conference, but every member that is dissatisfied with the proceedings of the conference shall express themselves before adjourning of the conference and not thereafter. Rom. 13:1, "Let every soul be subject to a higher power."

16, The minutes of the conference shall be read before it adjourns and all errors corrected.

17, The following are prohibited: Whispering or laughing during time of public speaking with

the appearance of wrath, or in a degrading manner, speaking more than 3 times without leave.

18, It shall be deemed disorderly in any member who openly and avowedly denies the fundamental doctrine contained in the church covenant and they shall be dealt which accordingly. Jude 1:3, "Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Be of one mind, how can two walk together except they be agreed.

19, As intemperance is one of the worst evils which can effect the members of any society, either civil or religious, and more especially the latter, it being in direct violation of the Word of God, wounding the cause of Jesus Christ, hurting feelings of the sober brethren and exposing the individual so commission of sin of the most abominable cast of character, we do declare and agree that when any member of this church shall so far forget what he owes to the great head of the church, to himself, the feeling of his brethren and to mortals and to well being of society generally, as to get drunk and become known to the church, he shall be notified to attend our church conference, and on failing to render entire satisfaction, to be considered as an excommunicant and not entitled to any privilege thereafter until such offender shall bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Mat. 5:16 "Let your lights so shine before men," etc. The following amendment to the above article was adopted in conference and read thus, "And we further agree and declare in the duty of every member of this church, that when he knows of a member of this church getting drunk as above stated in this article to make it known to the church.

20, If upon issuing a notice to any delinquent member as is required in the 7th Article of this

Decorum, the deacons returns " Not to be found within the limits of the church," that the conference shall then proceed as if the notice had been served.

21, A majority of the members of this church in conference shall have power to alter or to amend any of the rules of this Decorum, which they have adopted for their government or to add any new rules which said majority may deem necessary.

Motion made and seconded and agreed that no church shall hold any member who will not pay an honest debt.

Motion made and seconded that we will not have nor hold members with us belonging to secret societies, Odd Fellows, Masons or Sunday School.

Motion made and seconded that no elder or deacon shall have the power to carry any of Contentnea property to any other circuit.

Abstracts of Principles

We believe in one true and living God, the Father the Word and the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rules of faith and practice.

We believe in one Superior Eternal God, the creator and upholder of all beings and the disposer of all events, for there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. I John 2:5.

We believe in the total depravity and just condemnation of all the fallen race of Adam.

We believe in original sin and that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated, sancified by the holy Ghost.

We believe that the saint shall always preserve in grace and never finally fall away.

We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers in Jesus Christ are the only subjects entitled to these privileges.

We believe that the mode of baptism is by immersing in water.

We believe that God chose His people in Christ Jesus before the world began.

We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of ordinances only such as are regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of the hands presbyter.

We believe that none but regularly baptized members have the right to commune at the Lord's table.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches Counties	Elders Post Office	Delegates	Quarterly Meetings	Baptized	Dismissed	Rec Con Faith	Rec by Letter	Excommuni	Restored	Deceased	Membership	Contributed
Black Creek, Wilson	Paul Bunch, Fremont	SLWoodard, D Bunch	First Sunday in Feb	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	35	16 50
Bellamy Chapel, Nash	Wm K Taylor, Sharpsburg	Wm K Taylor, E Vick	Fourth Sunday in Mar	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	8 50
Piney Grove, Wayne	Thomas Bunch, Fremont	D Newsom, L F Coley	Fourth Sunday in Feb	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	14	4 50
Sims Chapel. Johnson	Remain in the hands of	the Moderator						0	0	0	2	1 00
Bellamy Grove, Johnson	Jonah Bunch, Black Creek	J Bunch, F Newsome	First Sunday in March	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	2 50
Contentnea Chapel, Wayne	Thomas Bunch, Fremont	F White, W Tabron	Third Sunday in Nov	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	4 00
Little Nahunta, Wayne	Thomas Bunch, Fremont	GHBarnes, J Bradberry	Second Sunday in Mar	4	0	1	1	0	0	1	14	3 90
Shady Grove, Wayne	Robert Revis, Fremont	R Revis, S L Woodard	Second Sunday in Feb	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1 50

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ELDER F. L. COLEY ..... Clerk

BROTHER THOMAS BEST ... ... Assistant Clerk

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Proceedings

OF THE SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD AT BLACK CREEK CHURCH, BLACK CREEK, N. C.

Services began at 11:00 o'clock. Deacon Thomas Hillard arose to open. Sang hymn 530 and offered prayer. Elder Robert Revis sang hymn 393 and chose for his text John 14:1 and preached the Introductory Sermon. Elder Jonah Bunch sang hymn 433 and preached from John 14:1, the alternate sermon. Elder Robert Revis sang hymn 73 and closed for recess of one hour. Benediction by Elder J. H. Dickerson.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Association assembled with the Moderator present and sang hymn 18 for opening of the conference. Prayer was offered by Deacon Brutus Hooks. The Moderator announced the conference open for business. On motion the delegates retired and chose their Moderator and other officers. They chose Elder Robert Revis for their Moderator. Elder F. L. Coley for their Clerk and Brother Thomas Best for their Assistant Clerk. They chose Deacon Julius Simons to record the ministers' texts from day to day and Deacon Thomas Hillard as the Association Treasurer.

On motion, the scripture lesson was read. It pleased the mind of the Moderator to read Matt. 18:1-19. On motion delegates and brethren be invited to sit with us and feel themselves at home.

On motion the committee for arranging the preaching was appointed. They appointed Elders Jonah Bunch, S. L. Woodard, Lawrence Reid.

On motion, Deacons L. H. Harris, Thomas Hillard and Brutus Hooks were appointed as Finance Committee.

On motion the Arrangement Committee make their report. They reported to send to the stand to open: Brother Earl Holt, Elder Cutler Sauls to follow and Elder J. F. Taylor.

On motion the list of the churches was called and the messengers names enrolled. (See Statistical Table).

On motion, the letters from the different churches were read. They all reported in peace and love. On motion, corresponding delegates made their report. On motion, the letters be received and adopted.

Little River: Elder J. D. Stuart reported peace and desired correspondence to continue. He brought a file of minutes. Their next session will convene with the Union Hill Church on the highway 15A between Raleigh and Fuqua Springs, Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1954.

Radicue: Elder J. H. Morning came forward desiring correspondence to continue; he brought a file of minutes. The next session will convene with Mt. Zion Church in Tarboro, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1954.

Sandy Ridge: Elder Andrew Taylor, with a file of mintes, reported desiring correspondence to continue. The next session convenes with Jefferson Street Church in Roanoke, Va., beginning Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1954.

Bethlehem: Elder Willis Ellis, with a file of minutes, reported desiring correspondence. Next session to be held with the Few in Number Church near Pine Top, N. C., beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1954.

Loving: Brother Edgar H. Humphrey, with a file of minutes, reported desiring correspondence. Next session will convene with the Hartsville Chapel Church; go to Jacksonville, N. C.; take a city bus to Halfside. Begins Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1954.

Union: On motion, the Union Association was received through Elder Jonah Bunch with a file of minutes desiring correspondence to continue. Next session to be held with Low Level Church near Fountain, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1954.

Cooper's Grove: Elder W. B. Enoch reported desiring correspondence and brought a file of minutes. Next session to be held with High Rock Church in Orange County, five miles from Mebane, N. C. Begins on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1954.

Long Branch: Elder F. R. Bell reported with a file of minutes and desiring correspondence to continue. Next session to be held with the Logsboro Church near Legette, N. C., beginning Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1954.

Corresponding: Elder B. B. Exum reported with a file of minutes and desiring correspondence to continue. Next session to be held with Enes Church in Bethel, N. C., beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1954.

All the delegates were received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to them.

On motion, the Petitionary letters were called for. None presented.

On motion, the messengers retire and select a place for the next session of our Association. It pleased the mind of the messengers to appoint Bellamy Chapel Church, Sharpsburg, N. C., beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1954. Elder Robert Revis is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder S. L. Woodard to preach the alternate.

On motion, conference closed until Saturday morning at 9:00 a. m. Sang hymn 631. Benediction by Elder Robert Revis.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
ELDER F. L. COLEY, Clerk
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Assistant Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled with the Moderator present. The Moderator sang hymn 73 for the opening of conference. Prayer was offered by Deacon Julius Simons. The conference was announced in order for business by the Moderator.

On motion the roll was called. All were present except Bellamy Chapel, Sims Chapel and Little Nahunta. On motion, corresponding delegates were called. All were present. On motion, the proceedings of the Friday evening session be read. They were read and received with errors corrected.

On motion the Arrangement Committee made their report. They reported to send to the stand to open services, Elder Lawrence Reid. Brother Bennie Bryant to preach, and Brother Joe Hughes, Elder J. H. Dickerson and Elder Andrew Taylor to follow.

On motion, the Circular Letter be read. On motion, the Circular Letter was received. On motion, the old treasurer made his report. He reported $22.00. On motion the old treasurer's report was received. On motion, under the supervision of the Moderator, the Clerk shall have 500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed.

On motion, the Finance Committee made their report. They reported $530.00. On motion the report was received. On motion the Abstract of Principles and Rules of Decorum and Church Government be printed in the minutes. On motion, elders, deacons, and clerks names be printed in the minutes. On motion, if there be no other business, conference close until after dinner. Sang hymn 364 for closing.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
ELDER F. L. FOLEY, Clerk
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Assistant Clerk

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Association assembled with the Moderator present. The Moderator sang hymn 533 for the opening of the conference. Prayer was offered by Deacon Russell Harris. Then the conference was announced in order for business.

On motion, the roll was called. All were present. On motion, the corresponding delegates were called. All were present. On motion, Saturday morning's proceedings were read and received.

On motion, the Arrangement Committee made their report. They reported to send Brother Debro Bunch to the stand to open, followed by Brother Frank Gear, Elders F. R. Bell, B. B. Exum, and Cecil Alston.

On motion, the following messengers were appointed to visit the associations with whom we correspond:

Little River: Elder Jonah Bunch.
Radicue: Elder Lawrence Reid.
Sandy Ridge: Elder Cutler Sauls.
Bethlehem: Brother Bennie Bryant.
Loving: Elder Robert Revis.
Union: Elder F. L. Colcy.
Cooper Grove: Brother Earl Holt.
Long Branch: Brother Debro Bunch.
Corresponding: Elder Robert Revis.

On motion, we pay our Clerk $12.00 for his services. On motion, the Association pay off their expenses and the remainder be for the upbuilding of the weakest churches.

On motion, the minutes of the Saturday evening's session were read and received. On motion, the conference closed until Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1954.

Time was allowed for messengers, brethren and friends to speak encouraging words. They came as follows: Elders Paul Bunch, J. D. Stuart, Andrew Taylor, J. H. Morning, J. H. Dickerson, Willis Ellis, W. B. Enoch, S. L. Woodard and F. L. Coley. They all seemed to be filled with the spirit of brotherly love. Oh, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Elder J. H. Dickerson sang hymn 490 for closing. Benediction by Elder J. D. Stuart.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
ELDER F. L. COLEY, Clerk
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Assistant Clerk

FRIDAY EVENING AT THE STAND.

Brother Earl Holt opened and preached. Sang hymn 288 and used for his text, John 1:1. He was followed by Elder Cutler Sauls who sang hymn 400, and preached from Isa. 40:10. Elder Joe Taylor sang hymn 689 and preached from John 1. Elder Lawrence Reid sang hymn 73 and closed.

SATURDAY MORNING AT THE STAND.

Elder Lawrence Reid opened and sang hymn 16. Brother Bennie Bryant sang hymn 201 and preached wonderfully. Brother Joe Hughes preached from John 1:29. Elder J. H. Dickerson preached a wonderful sermon. Elder Andrew Taylor preached wonderfully. Elder J. H. Morning sang hymn 400 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder W. B. Enoch sang hymn 288 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder Cecil Alston sang hymn 616 for closing. Collection, $16.80. Benediction by J. D. Stuart.

SATURDAY EVENING AT THE STAND.

Brother Debro Bunch sang hymn 400 for opening. Brother Frank Gear sang hymn 388 and preached wonderfully. Elder F. R. Bell sang hymn 490 and preached from Matt. 25:10. Elder B. B. Exum preached from Acts 10:7. Elder Cecil Alston preached wonderfully. Closed with hymn 396. Collection, $46.00. Benediction by Elder A. H. Humphrey.

SUNDAY MORNING AT THE STAND.

Elder F. L. Coley opened by singing hymn 3. Prayer was offered by Elder David Bullock. Elder Andrew Taylor preached "Enter at the straight gate." Elder F. R. Bell preached from John 1:1. Elder J. D. Stuart preached from Acts 8:35. Elder Humphrey sang hymn 3 and preached from Matt. 25:3. Elder B. B. Exum preached from Acts 3:6. Elder Willis Ellis sang hymn 2 and preached from Jonah 2.

Elder Cecil Alston sang hymn 355 and preached from 2 Tim. 1:9. Elder Levi Hill sang hymn 617 and preached from Matt. 3:9. Elder J. D. Stuart sang hymn 689. Collection, $41.65. Benediction by Elder F. L. Coley.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
ELDER F. L. COLEY, Clerk
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Assistant Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

In the year of our Lord, 1953. Dear Brethen: This is done by the order of the Conference, Elder Robert Revis, Moderator, trusting that this glorious correspondence may forever remain and grow stronger and stronger.

Now dear brethren, we desire to be led by the Spirit of God. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

This done by the order of the conference, 1953.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
ELDER F. L. COLEY, Clerk
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Assistant Clerk

ORDAINED ELDERS OF THE CONTENTNEA ASSOCIATION, AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Paul Bunch, Black Creek, N. C.
Elder Jonah Bunch, Black Creek, N. C.
Elder Robert Revis, Rt. 1, Fremont, N. C.
Elder S. L. Woodard, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder Robert Exum, Goldsboro, N. C.
Elder Lawrence Reid, Rt. 1, Fremont, N. C.
Elder Cutler Sauls, Rt. 3, Wilson, N. C.
Elder F. L. Coley, Rt. 2, Lucama, N. C.

CONTENTNEA LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Debro Bunch, Rt. 1, Fremont, N. C.
Brother Earl Holt, Fremont, N. C.
Brother Bennie Bryant, Elm City, N. C.

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder F. L. Coley, Rt. 2, Lucama, N. C.
Brother Thomas Best, Princeton, N. C.
Brother Julius Simons, Wilson, N. C.
Sister Ada Parker, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Brother J. E. Cooper, Kenley, N. C.
Sister Glinnie Reid, Fremont, N. C.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES

Little River: Elder J. D. Stuart
Radicue: Elder J. H. Morning
Sandy Ridge: Elder Andrew Taylor
Bethlehem: Elder Willis Ellis
Loving: Elder A. H. Humphrey
Union: Elder J. H. Dickerson
Cooper's Grove: Elder W. B. Enoch
Long Branch: Elder F. R. Bell
Corresponding: Elder B. B. Exum

CONTENTNEA DEACONS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Deacon L. H. Harris, 1202, Waynewright Ave., Wilson, N. C.
Deacon Thomas Hillard, Elm City, N. C.
Deacon Julius Simons, Wilson, N. C.
Deacon Brutus Hooks, Rt. 1, Smithfield, N. C.

CORRESPONDING ELDERS WHO VISITED OUR ASSOCIATION

Elder Blanie Williams
Elder Cleatha Barnes
Elder Elect Jones
Elder William Braswell
Elder Uriah Parker
Elder Henry Cooper
Elder Levi Hill
Elder Nan Hoskins
Elder Cecil Alston
Elder David Bullock
Elder Joe Taylor
Brother Joe Hughes
Brother Frank Gear

To you, ministering brethren, if we have failed to enroll your name, we love you the very same; but it was beyond our control, and we are sorry if we have overlooked you. You come to see us, for we cannot get along without your sweet correspondence.

Brethren, let us live together in one accord in Jesus Christ our Lord, that our sweet correspondence will continue on through time.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
ELDER F. L. COLEY, Clerk
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Assistant Clerk

OBITUARIES

Brother Johnathan Ford departed this life April 4, 1953, age 66 years. He was a member of Black Creek Church for seventeen years, and six months. He was a loyal brother to the church. To all he came in contact with, both saints and sinners old and young, they all seemed to love Brother Ford. He leaves to mourn, a wife, two sons, one daughter, two brothers, twelve granchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

We feel our loss is heaven's gain. We loved Brother Ford but God loved him best. He knew Brother Ford needed rest.

In Remembrance of Our Former Moderator

Elder W. M. K. Taylor, who departed this life May 16, 1950, at the age of 78 years, we believe we lost a good shepherd. One who was swift to hear, and slow to speak. We love him, but we know God loved him best.

Sister Sarah Coley departed this life July 1, 1953, age 86. She was the widow of the late Christopher Coley. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for forty-six years. She was loyal to the church in every respect. She leaves to mourn, nine children, forty-three grandchildren, and seventy-three great grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. We hope our loss is heaven's gain.

ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENT

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association, who shall be members supposed to be the best qualified for that purpose, and those producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats in the Association provided the church is in peace at the time the appointment is made.

2. In these letters presented by said members shall be recorded the number of members in full fellowship, how many received, how many dismissed or excluded, and those who died since last Association convened.

3. Members thus chosen and convened shall denominate the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be of the body chosen by the members that compose the Association; they shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

6. The names of the members that constitute the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may require.

7. In case a new church desires to be admitted to this union, they shall petition by letter and legal representatives and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator extending to the messenger the right hand of fellowship.

8. It shall not be the duty of the Moderator to vote in the Association, but in the case of a division in the Association the Moderator shall appoint a committee to investigate and shall execute his own judgment according to the report of the committee as to who is in order or disorder.

9. If any minister is not found adhering to the orthodox doctrines and principles that demonstrate the original Primitive Baptist cause, the messengers that constitute the Association shall be authorized by the Moderator to investigate this matter at any time available.

10. Visiting brethren may be invited to assist in the Association in every way except to vote.

11. If any church of this Association shall become grievous, failing to report, it shall be under the immediate censure of the Association.

12. The Association shall furnish the churches of the union with Minutes of the proceedings.

13. Clerk shall have a book in which shall be recorded the proceedings of each Association and when and where the Association will be held at the different churches in the union.

14. We believe it to be absolutely necessary to have a fund for defraying expenses of the Association and recommend that each church composing it, voluntarily contribute such sum as they think proper and send it by the messenger to the Association, which money shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall account for the same and pay it out as directed by the Association.

15. Every query presented by any messenger in the Association shall be read and before it shall be debated, the Moderator shall put it to a vote as to whether it shall be debated, otherwise the query must be withdrawn.

16. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.

17. The Association shall provide a general union among the churches, shall preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the same, shall give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty, shall have power to withdraw from any church composing the union which violates the rules of the Association, or deviates from the orthodox principles by a majority vote.

On motion agreed that no elder or deacon shall have the power to carry any of Contentnea property to any other circuit or Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is one true and living God.

2. We believe in His divinity and God-head.

3. We believe that there are three distinct persons composing His characters, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

4. We believe that He is a God of purpose and that all His purposes are carried into effect by Him.

5. We believe in His foreknowledge of all things.

6. We believe that the soul of man is saved by the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, unmerited by anything that man can do, but is alone the gift of God to man, freely bestowed on him by God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that the secret faith is made known by revelation, being revealed to man by Almighty God.

8. We believe in experience of grace.

9. We believe in baptism by immersion.

10. We believe that the happiness of the saints is eternal and the punishment of the wicked is everlasting.

11. We believe in the everlasting covenant entered into between the Father and Son.

12. We believe in the atonement made by Jesus for all the elect of God that were given to Jesus Christ before the world was.

13. We believe in the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet.

14. We believe in the perseverance of the saints.

15. We believe it is impossible for them to fall away.

16. We believe in the resurrection of the dead.

17. We believe in Judgment Day, and that the Judge of the whole earth will do right.

18. We believe that the Holy Bible is the word of God, and is a sufficient guide for all believers through time.

RULES OF MINISTERS

1. He shall bring his gift before conference and stand upon the floor and have Exhorting License and when he improves his license, then give him Minister's License. He is not to baptize any member until he is ordained.

2. That we recommend to the church composing the same that no one is ordained to the Ministry of the Word, unless some church requests his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member would be willing to have him as her pastor and that if she has none she actually chooses him as such.

3. If any minister violates these rules he must be tried before the church with Elders and Decorum.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. We agree to hold conference four times a year and as often as we see fit.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be appointed.

3. Conference shall be opened by praise and prayer.

4. The door of the church shall be opened for reception of members of fellowship.

5. The state and standing of the church shall be inquired into.

6. No member shall leave the conference without permission of the Moderator.

7. The minority shall submit to the majority in all cases except receiving members to fellowship and to office; this shall be unanimous.

8. Any business brought up in the church shall be read three times before acted upon.

9. We agree that if any member shall violate these rules, such member shall be dealt with according to gospel order.

10. We agree to commune four times a year when all is well.

11. We agree to wash feet once a year at each church.

12. No member shall have any right to contract any business of the church without the liberty of the church to do so.

13. If any member of the church become dissatisfied with the rules of the church they shall be excluded from fellowship until they can give satisfaction and then restored.

14. If any member shall wilfully absent himself from communion he shall make his reasons known to the church.

15. If any member violates any of these rules he shall be brought to trial. He must first be tried by his own church.

16. If any minister, deacon, or clerk transgress these rules, the church shall have power to call help from other churches to aid in settling it.

17. We agree not to commune with any person unless they are baptised in our faith and order.

18. We agree to commune with Predestinarian Baptists who are of good standing.

19. If any member sees another transgress the rules of the church and does not bring it to the church after applying the 18th chapter of Matthew, they are liable to be tried before the church themselves.

20. No exhorting minister shall be admitted to the stand only by preaching his trial sermon, only in a union or association.

On motion male members pay $10.00, females pay $5.00.

21. No ordination shall be done only in a union or an association.

22. No traffic or trade shall be nearer than 150 yards of the church ground.

23. No minister or member shall have a right to carry any of Contentnea Association property to any other association.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Annual Meeting	Restored	Rec'd by baptism	Rec'd by letter	Deceased	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Membership	Contribution
Black Creek	Wilson	Paul Bunch, Fremont, N. C.	L. H. Harris	Feb. 1	..	1	..	1	..	..	34	$137.00
Bellamy Chapel .	Wilson	S. L. Woodard, Sharpsburg, N. C. .	T. Hillard, M. Parker .	Mar. 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	120.00
Bellamy Grove ..	Johnston ..	Jonah Bunch, Black Creek, N. C. ..	Julius Simons	Mar. 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	30.00
Shady Grove ...	Wayne ...	Robert Revis, Fremont, N. C.	L. H. Harris, B. Hooks	Feb. 2	..	4	..	..	..	..	40	173.00
Piney Grove	Wayne ...	Lawrence Reid, Fremont, N. C. ...	B. Hooks, Thomas Best	Feb. 4	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	10.00
Sims Chapel	Johnston ..	Jonah Bunch, Black Creek, N. C. .	J. Bunch, R. Newsome	Mar. 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	25.00
Contentnea Chap.	Wayne ...	F. L. Coley, Lucama, N. C.	B. Hooks, T. Best	Feb. 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	15.00
Little Nahunta ..	Wayne ...	Cutler Sauls, Wilson, N. C.	Cutler Sauls, T. Best ..	Mar. 2	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	20.00
			Totals		..	5	..	2	..	2	115	$530.00

Total in Treasury old and new $615.11

Total Expense $223.72

Total Balance $391.39

Minutes

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Bellamy Grove Church

KENLY, NORTH CAROLINA

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OF THE SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE BELLAMY GROVE CHURCH, KENLY, N. C.

Friday before fourth Sunday in October, 1955.

Service began at 11:30 o. m. Deacon Thomas Hillard sang hymn 196. Prayer was offered by Deacon Thomas Hillard. Elder Robert Revis presented Elder S. L. Woodard to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Woodard sang hymn 533, used for his text, Psalms 1:1, and preached the Introductory Sermon. Elder Jonah Bunch arose and used for his text, 1 John 3:1, and preached the alternate sermon. Elder Robert Revis came forward and allowed someone to choose a song for the recess. Deacon David Mayo chose hymn 345. Elder Revis gave the benediction, so we served dinner.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Association assembled with the Moderator present. Elder J. J. Adams was asked to open. He sang hymn 5. Prayer was offered by Elder J. J. Adams. Then the Moderator announced the conference open for business.

On motion, the delegates retire and choose their moderator and other officers. They chose Elder Robert Revis for Moderator, Elder F. L. Coley for their Clerk, Brother Thomas Best for their Assistant Clerk; Deacon Julius Simmons to record ministers' texts from day to day; Deacon Thomas Hillard for the Association Treasurer.

On motion, the scripture lesson be read. It pleased the mind of the Moderator to read Matt. 18:1-17.

On motion, the delegates and brethren be invited to sit with us and feel themselves at home.

On motion, the arranging committee on preaching be appointed. They were appointed as follows: Elder S. L. Woodard, Elder Jonah Bunch, and Deacon Thomas Hillard.

On motion, the arranging committee make its report. They reported Elder Lawrence Reid, Elder Cutler Sauls and Elder Simon Sherrod.

On motion, the Finance Committee be appointed. Appointed as follows: Deacon L. H. Harris, Deacon Thomas Hillard and Brutus Hooks.

On motion, the list of the churches be called and the messengers' names enrolled:

Bellamy Grove: Deacon Julius Simmons.
Black Creek: Deacon L. H. Harris and Brother Debro Bunch.
Bellamy Chapel: Deacon Thomas Hillard and Brother Mack Parker.
Shady Grove: Deacon L. H. Harris, and Deacon Brutus Hooks.
Piney Grove: Deacon Brutus Hooks and Brother Thomas Best.
Sims Chapel: Elder Jonah Bunch and Brother Romey Newsome.
Contentnea: Deacon Brutus Hooks, and Brother Thomas Best.
Little Nahunta: Deacon Thomas Hillard and Brother Thomas Best.

On motion, the letters from the different churches be read. They were all read and received with the report of them all in peace and love.

On motion, corresponding messengers make their report:

Little River: Elder Lawrence Bethea came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love, desiring our friendly correspondence

to continue. Next session with the Mt. Moriah Church in Smithfield, N. C., to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1956.

Corresponding: Elder Simon Sherrod came forward with a file of minutes reporting in peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Next session with the Post Oak Church near Parmele, North Carolina.

Radicue: Elder G. W. Thorpe came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Next session with the Art Willow Church near Polkton, N. C. to begin Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1956.

Sandy Ridge: Elder Joseph Scales came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Next session with the Stoneville Church in Stoneville, N. C., to begin Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1956.

Bethlehem: Elder Johnnie B. Pitt came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Next session with the Antioch Church near Tarboro, N. C., to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1956.

Long Branch: Elder Joe Willis Dickens came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love, desiring our correspondence to continue. Next session with the Tar River Chapel Church, east of Tarboro, N. C., to begin Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1956.

Union: Elder Uriah Parker came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love, desiring our correspondence to continue. Next session with the Williams Chapel Church, Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1956.

Cooper's Grove: Brother Irvin Moore came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love, desiring our correspondence to continue. Next session will be with the Pilgrim Rest Church in Burlington, N. C., Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1956.

Loving: Deacon Edgar H. Humphrey came forward with a file of minutes, desiring correspondence to continue. Next session with the Catherine Chapel Church, two miles north of Richland, N. C., on the Trenton road, Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1956.

All the messengers were received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to them. On motion the petitionary letter be called for. Elder J. J. Adams came forward, a visitor, with a few of their Minutes from the Old School Roanoke Association, reporting in peace with our cossespondents, and desiring correspondence to continue. He was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to him, who made the elder welcome. On motion the delegates retire and select a place for the next Association to go. It pleased their mind to send it to Little Nahunta Church, in Fremont, North Carolina, Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1956. Elder Robert Revis to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Cutler Sauls to preach the alternate sermon.

On motion, the conference adjourn until 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Sang hymn 631, lined by Elder Robert Revis. Benediction by Elder S. L. Woodard.

SATURDAY MORNING SESION.

The Association assembled with the Moderator present. Elder Robert Revis sang hymn 393. Prayer was offered by Elder Earl Holt, then the conference was announced in order for business by the Moderator.

On motion, the roll be called. All present. On motion the corresponding delegates be called. All present, except Loving Association. On motion Friday evening's proceedings be read. It was read. On motion Friday evening session be received. On motion Arrangement Committee make their report. They reported to send to open and preach, Brother Bennie Bryant, then Elder Earl Holt, and Elder J. D. Stewart. On motion the Circular Letter be read. It was read and received. On motion the old Treasurer make his report. He reported no money on hand. On motion the report be received. On motion, under the supervision of the Moderator and Clerk, we have 500 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed. On motion the Finance Committee make their report. They reported $576.00. On motion the report of the Committees be received. On motion the Abstract of Principles and the Decorum and Church Government be printed in the Minutes. On motion the names of the Elders and Ministers, Clerks and Deacons, and their addresses be printed in the Minutes. Elder F. L. Coley chose hymn 530, lined by Elder Coley. Benediction by Elder A. H. Humphrey.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Association assembled with the Moderator present. The Moderator sang hymn 76. Prayer was offered by the Moderator, then the conference was announced in order for business. On motion the roll be called. All present. On motion the corresponding messengers be called. All present. On motion the Arrangement Committee make their report. They reported to send to the stand to open, Elder Jonah Bunch, Elder J. W. Diggins, Elder G. W. Thorpe, Elder Lawrence Betha and Elder Joseph Scales. On motion the Saturday morning Minutes be read. On motion the Saturday morning Minutes be received. On motion the following messengers be appointed to visit sister Associations with whom we correspond:

Little River: Elder Jonah Bunch.
Union: Elder Lawrence Reid.
Sandy Ridge: Elder Robert Revis.
Bethlehem: Elder S. L. Woodard.
Loving: Elder Earl Holt.
Radicue: Elder Cutler Sauls.
Cooper Grove: Brother Bennie Bryant.
Long Branch: Brother Debro Bunch.
Corresponding: Elder F. L. Coley.

On motion we pay our Clerk $12.00 for his service. On motion the Association pay off her expenses, and the remainder go for the upbuilding of the weakest churches. On motion the Saturday evening session be read. On motion the Minutes of the Saturday evening session be received. On motion the conference close until Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1956. There was allowed space for Elders, Ministers and brethren to speak words of encouragement. They came as follows: Elder Uriah Parker, Deacon Edgar H. Humphrey, Brother Lee Petteway, Brother Ervin Moore, Deacon George Mimberly,

Deacon Clarence Compton, Elder S. A. Short, Elder John Pitt, and Elder S. L. Woodard. They all seemed to be filled with the Spirit of brotherly love. Oh how good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Elder S. L. Woodard chose hymn 540, lined by Elder Woodard. Benediction by Elder S. L. Woodard.

FRIDAY EVENING AT THE STAND.

Elder Lawrence Reid opened, singing hymn 128, and offered prayer, and preached wonderful. Elder Cutler Sauls arose sang hymn 141, using for a text Isa. 40:6. Elder Simon Sherrod sang hymn 153, using for his text, John 1. Then Elder Robert Revis sang hymn 155 and closed. Benediction by Elder Simon Sherrod.

SATURDAY MORNING AT THE STAND.

Brother Bennie Bryant opened and preached wonderful. Elder Earl Holt preached a wonderful sermon. Elder J. D. Stewart preached, using for his text, John 15:1. Elder John Pitt used for his text, John 15:1. Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn 689, using for his text, Zech. 13:1. Closed for dinner.

SATURDAY EVENING AT THE STAND.

Elder Joe Willis Dickens came forward and sang hymn 400, using for his text Luke 15:23. Elder G. W. Thorpe sang hymn 49, used for his text Matt. 6:8. Elder Lawrence Betha used for a text John 15:1. Elder A. H. Humphrey sang hymn 141 for the closing benediction by Elder A. H. Humphrey.

SUNDAY MORNING AT THE STAND.

Elder S. L. Woodard sang hymn 545. Prayer was offered by Brother Willie Bullock, then Elder S. L. Woodard presented Brother Ervin Moore. Brother Moore used for his text John 1:1. Elder Uriah Parker sang hymn 76 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder G. W. Thorpe sang hymn No. 3, and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder Joseph Scales used for his text John 14:1. Elder John Pitt used for his text John 15:1. Elder Jessie Tucker used for his text Isa. 42:1. Elder S. A. Short sang hymn 618 using for his text Isa. 6:8. Elder J. J. Adams arose sang hymn 616 used for his text Isa. 40:6. Elder A. H. Humphrey sang hymn 393, using for a text John 9:1. Then Elder S. L. Woodard made several good remarks. Then Elder Woodard, chose 618 for the closing of the Association. Benediction by Elder F. L. Coley.

CORRESPONDING ELDERS WHO VISITED OUR ASSOCIATION

Elders: Levi Hill, Elect Jones, Willie Merlond, Fate Melton, C. W. Power, Jimmie Wooden, Cleotha Barnes, Jessie Tucker, J. D. Stewart, A. H. Humphrey, Brother Frank Gear.

To you ministering brethren whose names we failed to enroll, do not think we do not love you, for we do. If we fail to enroll your name, we love you the very same, but beyond our control, we know we did not get all the names. But I know that God will help you to understand I want you to know we want our correspondence to continue as long as time on this side of Jordan, and on and on, for we can't get along without your sweet correspondence.

CIRCULAR LETTER

In the year of our Lord, 1955. Dear brethren:—This is done by the order of the conference, Elder Robert Revis, Moderator. We trust this glorious correspondence may forever remain and grow stronger and stronger. Now dear brethren, we desire to be led by the Spirit of God. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God. This done by order of the conference, 1955.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

Little River: Elder Lawrence Betha.
Radicue: Elder Simon Sherrod.
Radicue: Elder G. W. Thorpe.
Sandy Ridge: Elder Joseph Scales.
Bethlehem: Elder John Pitt.
Long Branch: Elder Joe Willis Dickens.
Union: Elder Uriah Parker.
Cooper Grove: Brother Irvin Moore.
Loving: Deacon Edgar H. Humphrey.

ORDAINED ELDERS OF THE CONTENTNEA ASSOCIATION, AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Jonah Bunch, Selma, N. C.
Elder Robert Revis, Rt. 1, Fremont, N. C.
Elder S. L. Woodard, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder Lawrence Reid, Rt. 1, Fremont, N. C.
Elder Cutler Sauls, Rt. 3, Wilson, N. C.
Elder F. L. Coley, Rt. 2, Box 20, Lucama, N. C.
Elder Earl Holt, Rt. 1, Fremont, N. C.

CONTENTNEA LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Debro Bunch, Wilson P.O., Wilson, N. C.
Brother Bennie Bryant, Elm City, N. C.

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder F. L. Coley, Rt. 2, Lucama, N. C.
Brother Thomas Best, Princeton, N. C.
Deacon Julius Simmons, Wilson, N. C.
Sister Ada Parker, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Brother J. E. Cooper, Kenley, N. C.
Brother L. H. Coley, Wilson, N. C.

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Deacon Thomas Hillard, Elm City, N. C.
Deacon Julius Simons, Wilson, N. C.
Deacon Brutus Hooks, Rt. 1, Smithfield, N. C.

OBITUARIES

Elder Paul Bunch was born May 15, 1885, and departed this life November 6, 1954, at the age of 69 years, 6 months. He was a member of Black Creek Church for over 49 years. He was the pastor of this church since the death of his father. He was a faithful member until the end. He leaves to mourn, his wife 11 children, 2 brothers, 25 grandchildren. He has been a faithful father and friend. Sleep on, Elder Paul and take your rest. We loved you, but God loved you best. We hope our loss is heaven's gain. Also a host of relatives and friends.

Sister Lara Vick departed this life March 10, 1955 at the age of 93 years. She was the widow of the late Sam Vick. She was a member of Black Creek Church 21 years. She was loyal to the church in every respect. She leaves to mourn, seven children, and a host of relatives and friends. We feel and hope our loss is heaven's gain. Sleep on, Sister Vick and take your rest. We loved you, but God loved you best.

Sister Hettie Cox departed this life October 10, 1955 at the age of 76. She was a member of the Contentnea Chapel Church in Goldsboro, N. C. She was a member there about 21 years. She was a loving sister, always faithful in every respect, one that believed in one true and living God. She was one that was contented to be strong in the Primitive Baptist faith. She leaves to mourn, 2 sons, 9 grandchildren, 1 brother, 1 sister, and a host of relatives and friends. We loved Sister Cox but God loved her best. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR FORMER MODERATOR

Elder W. M. K. Talyor departed this life May 16, 1950 at the age of 78 years. We believe we lost a good Moderator, who was a good shepherd, who went in and out before us. We believe we truly feel our loss is heaven's gain. Sleep on, Elder Taylor and take your rest. We loved you, but God loved you best.

ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENT

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Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1956.

Service began at 11:30 a. m. Elder Robert Revis sang hymn 570. Prayer was offered by Elder F. L. Coley. Then Elder Robert Revis sang hymn 76, used for his text Matt. 7:17, and preached the Introductory Sermon. Elder Cutler Sauls sang hymn 201, and preached the alternate sermon. Elder Robert Revis sang hymn 73 for the closing of the morning service. Benediction by Elder O. G. Tatum. Then we served dinner.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION:

The Association assembled with the Moderator present. Elder Earl Holt chose hymn 345 for opening. Lined by Elder Robert Revis. Prayer was offered by Elder Will Ellis. Then the Moderator announced the conference open for business.

On motion the delegates retire and choose their Moderator and other officers. They chose Elder Robert Revis for Moderator, Elder F. L. Coley for Clerk, Brother Thomas Best for their Assistant Clerk.

Deacon Julius Simmons to record the ministers' texts from day to day. Deacon Thomas Hillard for the Association Treasurer.

On motion the scripture lesson be read. It pleased the mind of the Moderator to read Matthew 18:1-20. On motion the delegates and brethren be invited to sit with us and feel themeselves at home.

On motion the arranging committee on preaching be appointed. They were appointed as follows: Elder S. L. Woodard, Elder Cutler Sauls, Deacon Thomas Hilard On motion the arranging committee make their report. They reported to open: Elder Cutler Sauls, to preach, Elder C. H. Jamison, Elder Willie Ellis, Elder A. H. Humphrey.

On motion the Finance Committee be appointed. Appointed as follows: Deacon L. H. Harris, Deacon Thomas Hillard, Brutus Hooks.

On motion the list of churches be called and the messengers' names enrolled. See Statistical Table. On motion corresponding messengers make their report:

Little River: Elder James Stewart came forward with a file of Minutes, desiring correspondence to continue. Next session with Black River Grove Church, near Coats, N. C., Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1957.

Corresponding: Elder C. W. Power came forward with a file of Minutes, desiring correspondence to continue. Next session with the Jenkins Chapel Church, in Parmelie, N. C., Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1957.

Sandy Ridge: Elder R. H. Martin came forward with a file of Minutes, desiring correspondence to continue. Next session with the Locust Grove Church, two miles east of Westfield, N. C., Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1957.

Radicue: Elder Henry Cooper came forward with a file of Minutes, desiring correspondence to continue. Next session with the Harper Church, 10 miles east of Tarboro, N. C., highway 44. Go to Mayo road, turn right, go four miles to elbow, turn left on dirt road, church

on the right. Begins Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1957.

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Union: Elder Frank Gear came forward with a file of Minutes, desiring correspondence to continue. Next session with the Mount Zion Church in Greenville, N. C., Friday before the first Sunday in Oct., 1957.

Loving: Brother Odell Petteway came forward with a file of Minutes desiring correspondence to continue. Next session with the Maries Chapel Church. Go to Jacksonville, N. C., Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1957. Go highway 258 to intersection of 17, turn right, go two miles.

Cooper's Grove: No messenger. We are sorry there was not.

All were received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to them, with a brotherly welcome.

On motion petitionary letter called for; there was none.

On motion the delegates retire and choose a place for the next Association to go to. It pleased their mind to send it to Shady Grove Church to begin Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1957. Elder Robert Revis to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Earl Holt to preach the alternate sermon.

There was space allowed for Elders, messengers and brethren to have some encouraging words. They came as follows: Elder S. L. Woodard, Elder Robert Revis. They seemed to be filled with the good Spirit from above. Oh, how good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Where there is union there is peace and love.

On motion, if there be no other business, conference close until 10 a. m., Saturday. Sang hymn 506, lined by Elder F. L. Coley. Benediction by Elder S. L. Woodard.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
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SATURDAY MORNING SESSION:

The Association assembled with the Moderator present, using hymn 196 for the opening. Prayer was offered by Elder Ruffin Hyman. Then the Moderator announced the conference open for business.

On motion the roll be called. All present except Bellamy Chapel, Little Nahunta and Piney Grove.

On motion corresponding messengers be called. All present except Cooper's Grove, Long Branch, and Corresponding.

On motion Minutes of Friday evening session be read. On motion Friday session be received. On motion the arranging committee on preaching make their report. They reported as follows: To open, Brother Bennie Bryant to open and preach. Elder Earl Holt to follow, then Elder A. H. Humphrey. On motion the Circular Letter be read. It was read and received. On motion the old Treasurer make his report. He reported $115.00. On motion the report of the old Treas-

urer be received. On motion, under supervision of the Moderator and Clerk, we have 500 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed.

On motion the Abstract of Principles and the Decorum and Church Government be printed in the Minutes.

On motion the names of the Elders, Clerks, and Deacons be printed in the Minutes, and their addresses also. There was space allowed for messengers to speak if they so desired.

On motion the new amendment be added to the Decorum.

The conference adjourn until after dinner. Sang hymn 533 for the closing of the morning conference. Benediction by Brother Debro Bunch.

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The Association assembled with the Moderator present. The Moderator chose hymn 393 for opening of the conference. Prayer was offered by Elder J. A. Dickerson. Then the Moderator announced the conference open for business.

On motion the roll be called. All present.

On motion corresponding messengers be called. All present except Cooper's Grove. On motion the arranging committee make their report. They reported as follows: Elder Lawrence Reid to open, Elder Frank Gear to preach, Elder Henry Cooper, and Elder Ruffin Hyman.

On motion the letters from the different churches be read. They were read and received. On motion, Saturday morning session be read. On motion Minutes of Saturday morning session be received. On motion messengers be appointed to visit the Association in whom we are in correspondence.

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On motion, we pay our Clerk $12.00 for his service. On motion, we pay the assistant clerk $10.00 for his service. On motion the Finance Committee make their report. They reported $576.00. On motion the report of the Finance Committee be received. On motion the Association pay off her expense and the remainder go to the Association Treasurer. On motion, Minutes of the Saturday evening session be read. On motion Minutes of Saturday evening session be received.

On motion the Association conference close until Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1957. There was space allowed for Elders ministers and messengers and brethren to speak words of encouragement. They came as follows: Elder John Charles, Elder O. G. Tatum, Elder S. L. Woodard, Nick Martin, Elder R. H. Martin, Elders James

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Brother Odell Petteway chose hymn 253 for the closing hymn of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association conference for the year 1956. Benediction by the Moderator, Elder Robert Revis.

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Elder Cutler Sauls opened by using hymn 383. Prayer was offered by Deacon Julius Simmons. Elder C. H. Jamison arose and sang hymn 355 and preached wonderful. Then Elder Will Ellis arose and preached very wonderful and closed.

SATURDAY MORNING AT THE STAND:

Brother Benny Bryant opened and preached. Elder Earl Holt arose and sang hymn 689 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder A. H. Humphrey arose and sang hymn 188, used for his text John 14:6. Elder Nick Martin arose sang hymn 689 using for his text Isa. 40. Sang for closing hymn 141.

SATURDAY EVENING AT THE STAND:

Elder Lawrence Reid opened with hymn 128. Prayer was offered by Elder Lawrence Reid. Elder Frank Gear sang hymn 200 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder Henry Cooper sang hymn 353, using for his text Isa. 40. Elder Ruffin Hyman preached a wonderful sermon. Elder John Charles sang hymn No. 3, and preached a wonderful sermon, and closed.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE STAND:

Meeting began at 7:25. Elder Robert Revis opened by singing hymn 393. Prayer was offered by Elder Robert Revis. Elder Cutler Sauls then presented Brother Debro Bunch to preach. He was blessed to preach wonderfully. Elder C. W. Power sang hymn 132 using for his text Jer. 6:16. Elder O. G. Tatum sang hymn 356 and preached a wonderful text. Elder J. D. Stewart used Matt. 3:3. Elder R. H. Martin preached a wonderful, soul-stirring sermon. Elder O. G. Tatum sang hymn 616 for the closing. Benediction by Elder Robert Revis.

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To you ministering brethren, if we have failed to enroll your name, we love you the very same; but it was beyond our control, and we are sorry if we have overlooked you. You come to see us, for we cannot get along without your sweet correspondence. Brethren let us live together in one accord. As it is in Jesus Christ our Lord, that our sweet correspondence will continue on through time.

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CIRCULA RLETTER

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12. No member shall have any right to contract any business of the church without the liberty of the church to do so.
13. If any member of the church become dissatisfied with the rules of the church they shall be excluded from fellowship until they can give satisfaction and then restored.
14. Be it resolved that we will withdraw fellowship from any member that will not pay his or her honest debt, if they are able to work.
15. If any member shall wilfully absent himself or herself from communion, he or she shall make their reasons known to the church.
16. If any member violates any of these rules they shall be brought to trial. They must be first tried by their own church.
17. If any member sees another transgress the rules of the church and does not bring it to the church after complying with Matthew 18, they are liable to be tried before the church themselves.
18. If any minister, deacon, or clerk transgress these rules, the church shall have power to call help from other churches to aid in settling it.
19. We agree to not commune with any person unless they are baptised in our faith and order.
20. We agree to commune with Predestinarian Baptists who are in good standing.
21. No exhorting minister shall be admitted to the stand only by preaching his trial sermon, only in a Union or an Association.
22. On motion male members pay $10.00; female members pay $5.00.
23. No ordination shall be done only in a Union or an Association.
23 No traffic or trade shall be nearer than 150 yards of the church ground.
25. No minister, or member shall have a right to carry any of Contentnea Association property to any other Association.
26. This done by order of the Association conference.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
ELDER F. L .COLEY, Clerk
BRO. THOMAS BEST, Ass't. Clerk

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Bellamy Grove	Wilson	Elder S. L. Woodard, Sharpsburg, N. C.	Deacon Thomas Hilliard, Bro. Mack Parker	4 in Mar.	..	1	..	..	..	..	25	162.00
Shady Grove	Johnston	Elder Jonah Bunch, Black Creek, N. C.	Deacon Julius Simmons	1 in Mar.	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	18.00
Piney Grove	Wayne	Elder Robert Revis, Fremont, N. C.	Deacon L. H. Harris, Deacon Brutus Hooks	2 in Feb.	..	..	..	..	1	..	33	225.00
Sims Chapel	Wayne	Elder Lawrence Reid, Fremont, N. C.	Deacon Brutus Hooks, Bro. Thomas	4 in Feb.	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	20.00
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Black Creek	Wayne	Elder Cutler Sauls Wilson, N. C.	Deacon Thomas Hilliard, Bro. Thomas Best	2 in Mar.	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	35.00
			Total Membership		..	..	..	..	..	..	108	

Totals of Treasurers old and new, $832.45. Public Collection $82.95.
Total expense $221.00. Total balance $611.45.

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Proceedings

OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE CHURCH OF SHADY GROVE, PIKESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1957.

Service began at 11:20 a. m. Elder Robert Revis chose hymn 73 for opening. Prayer was offered by Elder Robert Revis. Then Elder Robert Revis arose and presented Elder Cutler Sauls to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Cutler Sauls arose and sang hymn 83 and preached the Introductory Sermon. Then Elder Earl Holt arose and sang hymn 288 and preached the alternate sermon. He preached from Revelation. Then Elder Robert Revis arose and sang hymn 380 for closing. Benediction by Elder Fate Melton.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Association assembled with the Moderator present. Elder Robert Revis used for opening hymn No. 356. Prayer was offered by Elder S. L. Woodard. Then the Moderator announced the conference in order for business.

On motion that all the delegates retire and choose their moderator and other officers. They chose Elder Robert Revis for their Moderator and Brother Thomas Best for Clerk. Brother Thomas Hillard for the Association Treasurer. Brother Julius Simmons to record the ministers' texts from day to day.

Elder F. L. Coley then asked to resign from his office as Association Clerk. On motion, the resignation of Elder F. L. Coley was accepted.

On motion, a portion of the Scripture be read for a lesson. It pleased the mind of the Moderator to read Matthew 18:1-20.

On motion the delegates and brethren be invited to seats with us and take a part in the conference and feel themselves to be at home.

On motion, Arrangement Committee on Preaching be appointed. Appointed as follows: Elders S. L. Woodard and Jonah Bunch, and Brother Thomas Hillard.

On motion, the Arrangement Committee on Preaching make their report. They reported to open with Brother Elijah Bunch, followed by Elder Lawrence Reid and Elder Jonah Bunch.

On motion, the Finance Committee be appointed. Appointed were Brothers L. H. Harris, Thomas Hillard, and Brutus Hooks.

On motion, list of churches be called and the mesengers' names enrolled.

Shady Grove—Brother L. H. Harris and Brother Brutus Hooks.
Black Creek—Brothers L. H. Harris and Debro Bunch.
Bellamy Chapel—Brother Thomas Hillard.
Bellamy Grove—Brother Julius Simmons.
Piney Grove—Brothers Brutus Hooks and Thomas Best.
Sims Chapel—Elder Jonah Bunch and Brother Rommie Newsome.
Contentnea Chapel—Brothers Brutus Hooks and Thomas Best.
Little Nahunta—Brothers Thomas Hillard and Thomas Best.
Motioned that corresponding messengers make their report.
Little River: No messenger.
Corresponding: No messenger.
Radicue: No messenger.

Bethlehem: No messenger.
Long Branch: No messenger.
Loving: No messenger.
Sandy Ridge: No messenger.
Cooper's Grove: No messenger.

Union: Reported in peace and love by Elder Fate Melton. Next Session to be held with Friendship Church near Lucama, N. C., on Highway 301, Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1958.

On motion the report of the delegate be received by the Moderator extending right hand of fellowship to the delegate.

On motion, petitionary letters called for.

Brother L. H. Harris came forth from Black Creek Church to petition for Brother Mack Bunch to be licensed to the stand. It was granted On motion Brother Mack Bunch be permitted to preach his trial sermon.

On motion the delegates retire and appoint a place for the next Association to go. It pleased the minds of the delegates to send it to Bellamy Chapel Church, Sharpsburg, North Carolina, beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1958. Elder Robert Revis is to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder S. L. Woodard to preach the alternate sermon.

On motion, if there be no other business, the conference be closed until Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock by using hymn 514, lined by Elder F. L. Coley. Dismissed by Elder Fate Melton.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled with the Moderator present. Used for opening hymn No. 147, lined by Elder F. L. Coley. Prayer was offered by Elder F. L. Coley. Then the Moderator announced the conference open for business.

On motion the roll was called; all were present.

On motion the roll of the corresponding delegates was called:

Union: Present.

Little River: Elder Lawrence Bethea came forward with a file of mniutes, reporting peace and love, and desiring correspondence to continue. Next session to be held with Prniceton Church in Princeton, North Carolina, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1958.

Corresponding: Elder Sandy Brown came forward with a file of minutes, reporting peace and love. Next sesion held at Saint Matthew Church on Highway 17.

Bethlehem: Elder Charlie M. Bullock came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Next session held with Bethlehem Church.

Radicue: Elder William Maryland came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Next session held with Little Savannah Church, two miles south of Coneta, North Carolina, beginning Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1958.

Long Branch: Elder Ransom Lloyd came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love. Next session held with Long Branch Church at Speed, North Carolina.

Sandy Ridge: Elder Soldier Hairston came forward with a file of minutes, reporting peace and love, desiring correspondence to con-

tinue. Next session held in July, 1958, eight miles above Mount Everett, North Carolina. Second session Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1958, twelve miles east of Mount Everette, North Carolina.

Loving: Absent.

Cooper's Grove: Absent.

On motion the report of the delegates was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

On motion the Friday evening session be read. On motion, the Friday evening session proceedings were received.

On motion, Brother Mack Bunch was given his license and admitted to the stand.

On motion the Arrangement Committee make their report: they reported to open, Brother Debro Bunch followed by Elder F. L. Coley, Elder J. D. Stewart, and Elder Willie Williams.

On motion that the Circular Letter be read. On motion it was received.

On motion the old Treasurer made his report. Reported none. On motion the report was received.

On motion the Moderator and Clerk are to supervise the printing and distribution of 500 copies of our minutes.

On motion that the Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum and Church Government be printed in the mniutes. On motion that the names of the elders, deacons and clerks and their addresses be printed in the minutes.

On motion, if there is no other busniess, conference adjourn until after dinner by using hymn 83; lined by Elder Robert Revis. Dismissed by Elder Amos Humphrey.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Association assembled with the Moderator present and used for opening hymn 140, lined by Elder Robert Revis. Prayer was offered by Elder Lawrence Reid. Then the Moderator announced the conference in order for business.

On motion the roll was called. All were present. On motion the roll of corresponding delegates was called:

Little River, Union, Sandy Ridge, Radicue, Bethlehem, Long Branch, Corresponding, answered present.

Loving: Brother August Chadwick came forward with a file of minutes, reporting peace and love and desiring corespondence to continue. Next session begins Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1958, near Jacksonville, North Carolina, on Highway 17, going towards Wilmington, North Carolina.

Cooper's Grove: Elder Cecil Alston came with a file of minutes. Next session Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1958. Church is on highway 70, near McLearsville, North Carolina.

On motion, the Arrangement Committee made their report: send to the stand to open, Brother Bennie Bryant, followed by Elder Lawrence Bethea, Elder Soldier Hairston, Elder Sandy Brown, and Elder Fate Melton.

On motion, the letters from the different churches were read and received. On motion that the minutes of the Saturday morning's session be read. On motion, the minutes of the Saturday morning session were received.

On motion the messengers be appointed to visit associations with whom we correspond:

Little River: Elder Lawrence Reid.
Union: Elder Jonah Bunch.
Sandy Ridge: Elder Earl Holt.
Radicue: Elder Cutler Sauls.
Corresponding: Brother Bebro Bunch.
Loving: Elder F. L. Coley.
Cooper's Grove: Brother Bennie Bryant.
Bethlehem: Elder S. L. Woodard.
Long Branch: Brother Mack Bunch.

On motion, that we pay our Clerk $12.00 for his service.

On motion the Finance Committe make their report. They reported $500.00.

On motion that the report of the Finance Committee be received. On motion that the Association pay off her expense, and the remainder go to the Association treasury. On motion that the Minutes of Saturday evening session be read. On motion Saturday evening session be received. On motion if there be no others business, conference close until Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1958 by using hymn 514, lined by Elder Robert Revis. Dismissed by Elder Cecil Alston.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

FRIDAY EVENING AT THE STAND:

Deacon Julius Simmons opened by using hymn No. 3. Prayer was offered by Deacon Julius Simmons. Then Brother Elijah Bunch arose and preached. Elder Lawrence Reid gave up his portion of the time. Elder Jonah Bunch preached a wonderful sermon. Then Elder Robert Revis presented Brother Mack Bunch to preach his trial sermon. He preached wondelful. Then Elder Fate Melton sang hymn 216 for closing.

SATURDAY MORNING AT THE STAND:

Brother Debro Bunch opened by using hymn 364. Prayer was offered by Deacon Julius Simmons. Then Elder F. L. Coley sang hymn 384 and preached. He used for his text Matt. 4:10. Then Elder J. D. Stewart preached from James 5. Elder Willie Williams preached from John 15 . Elder Charlie Mack Bullock sang hymn 270 and used for his text Rev. 22:10. Then Elder Jethro Dickerson sang hymn 689 for closing. Collection $25.40. Benediction by Elder Jethro Dickerson.

SATURDAY EVENING AT THE STAND:

Brother Bennie Bryant sang hymn 530 for opening. Prayer was offered by Brother Bennie Bryant. Then Elder Lawrence Bethea preached a wonderful sermon. Then Elder Sandy Brown preached, using for his text John 3. Elder Soldier Hairston sang hymn 355 and preached a wonderful sermon. Then Elder Fate Melton sang hymn 76 and used for his text Amos 7:16. Then Elder Cecil Alston sang hymn 689 for closing. Collection $9:81. Benediction by Elder Cecil Alston.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE STAND:

Brother Fate Coley opened the meeting by using hymn 189 and offered prayer. Then Elder Jimmie Wooten sang hymn 73 and preached

from Rev. Then Elder Sandy Brown sang hymn 200 and used for his text John 14. Elder Hubert Alston preached using for his text, John 11. Elder Cecil Alston sang hymn 383 and preached from Psalms. Elder F. L. Coley sang hymn 345 for closing. Dismissed by Elder F. L. Coley.

SUNDAY MORNING AT THE STAND:

Service began at 10:25 a. m. Elder Robert Revis used for opening hymn 141. Prayer was offered by Elder S. L. Woodard. Then Elder S. L. Woodard presented Elder William Maryland to the stand to preach. He used for his text John 1. Next came Elder Sandy Brown and sang hymn 415 and preached a wonderful sermon. Elder Lawrence Bethea preached using for his text John 15. Then Elder Charlie Mack Bullock sang hymn 400 and preached, using for his text John 14:15. Then Elder Soldier Hairston sang hymn 155 and preached beautiful. Elder Hubert Alston preached wonderful. He preached from Rev. Elder Fate Melton sang hymn 687 and preached from Rev. Elder Cecil Alston preached from John. Elder Amos H. Humphrey sang hymn 141 and used for his text Luke 15:10. Elder Levi Hill sang hymn 617 and preached from the Revelation. Elder Robert Revis made some wonderful remarks and used hymn 530 for closing of the service.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

CORRESPONDING ELDERS WHO VISITED OUR ASSOCIATION

Elder Frank Gear, Elder David Bullock, Elder Ben Sharp, Elder Uriah Parker, Elder Johnnie Pitt, Elder Alex Jones, Brother Charley Hunter, Elder J. H. Winstead, Elder Jimmie Wooten, Brother James Avery, Elder Dorsey Battle.

To the ministering brethren: if we failed to enroll your name, it was beyond our control, and we are sorry, if we overlooked you. We want you all to come to see us as often as you can, for we feel that we cannot get along without you. Dear brethren, let us live together in one accord in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

In the year of our Lord, 1957. Dear brethren:—We are thankful that the Lord has blessed us to meet again. We trust this glorious correspondence may forever remain and grow stronger and stronger.

Dear brethren, we desire to be led by the Spirit of God, for as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God.

This done by order of conference, 1957.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

Loving: Brother Augusta Chadwick.
Cooper Grove: Elder Cecil Alston.
Sandy Ridge: Elder Soldier Hairston.
Long Branch: Elder Ransom Lloyd.
Radicue: Elder William Maryland.
Bethlehem: Elder Charlie Mack Bullock.
Corresponding: Elder Sandy Brown.
Little River: Elder Lawrence Bethea.
Union: Elder Fate Melton.

ORDAINED ELDERS OF THE CONTENTNEA ASSOCIATION, AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Robert Revis, Wilson, N. C. Rt. 3.
Elder Jonah Bunch, Selma, N. C.
Elder S. L. Woodard, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder F. L. Coley, Rt. 2, Box 215, Fremont, N. C.
Elder Lawrence Reid, 724 U. S. Highway 301, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Cutler Sauls, Rt. 3, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Earl Holt, Rt. 3, Box 64A, Wilson, N. C.

CONTENTNEA LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Debro Bunch, Wilson P.O., Wilson, N. C.
Brother Bennie Bryant, Elm City, N. C.
Brother Mack Bunch, 1446 Colorado St., House 7, 9121 Philadelphia, Penna.

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Thomas Best, Rt. 2, Box 2, Princeton, N. C.
Deacon Julius Simmons, Wilson, N. C.
Sister Ada Parker, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Brother L. H. Coley, P.O.Box 2071, Handy St., Wilson,N.C.

CONTENTNEA DEACONS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Deacon L. H. Harris, 1202, Waynewright Ave., Wilson, N. C.
Deacon Thomas Hillard, Elm City, N. C.
Deacon Julius Simmons, Wilson, N. C.
Deacon Brutus Hooks, Rt. 1, Smithfield, N. C.

— OBITUARIES —

In remembrance of our former Moderator. Elder W. M. Taylor departed this life May 16, 1950 at the age of 78 years. We believe we lost a good moderator who was a good shepherd, and who went in and out before us. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. Sleep on Elder Taylor, and take your rest. We loved you, but God loved you best.

Sister Mamie Artis departed this life January 4, 1957 at the age of 65. She was a member of Shady Grove Church. She was a loving sister and was loyal to the church. We loved Sister Artis, but God loved her best.

Sister Annie Smith departed this life November 9, 1956, at the age of 61. She was a member of Bellamy Chapel Church seven years. She was a loving sister and loved her church and was faithful as long as she was able. We loved her, but God loved her best.

Sister Minnie Locous departed this life January 1, 1957 at the age of 65. She was a member of Black Creek Church for a number of years. She was sick for a long time. She bore her sickness with patience. We loved Sister Locous, but God loved her best.

ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENT

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association, who shall be members supposed to be the best qualified for that purpose, and those producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats in the Association provided the church is in peace at the time the appointment is made.

2. In these letters presented by said members shall be recorded the number of members in full fellowship, how many received, how many dismissed or excluded, and those who died since last Association convened.

3. Members thus chosen and convened shall denominate the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be of the body chosen by the members that compose the Association; they shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

6. The names of the members that constitute the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may require.

7. In case a new church desires to be admitted to this union, they shall petition by letter and legal representatives and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator extending to the messenger the right hand of fellowship.

8. It shall not be the duty of the Moderator to vote in the Association, but in the case of a division in the Association the Moderator shall appoint a committee to investigate and shall execute his own judgment according to the report of the committee as to who is in order or disorder.

9. If any minister is not found adhering to the orthodox doctrines and principles that demonstrate the original Primitive Baptist cause, the messengers that constitute the Association shall be authorized by the Moderator to investigate this matter at any time available.

10. Visiting brethren may be invited to assist in the Association in every way except to vote.

11. If any church of this Association shall become grievous, failing to report, it shall be under the immediate censure of the Association.

12. The Association shall furnish the churches of the union with Minutes of the proceedings.

13. Clerk shall have a book in which shall be recorded the proceedings of each Association and when and where the Association will be held at the different churches in the union.

14. We believe it to be absolutely necessary to have a fund for defraying expenses of the Association and recommend that each church composing it, voluntarily contribute such sum as they think proper and send it by the messenger to the Association, which money shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall account for the same and pay it out as directed by the Association.

15. Every query presented by any messenger in the Association shall be read and before it shall be debated, the Moderator shall put it to a vote as to whether it shall be debated, otherwise the query

must be withdrawn.

16. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.

17. The Association shall provide a general union among the churches, shall preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the same, shall give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty, shall have power to withdraw from any church composing the union which violates the rules of the Association, or deviates from the orthodox principles by a majority vote.

On motion agreed that no elder or deacon shall have the power to carry any of Contentnea property to any other circuit or Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is one true and living God.

2. We believe in His divinity and God-head.

3. We believe that there are three distinct persons composing His characters, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

4. We believe that He is a God of purpose and that all His purposes are carried into effect by Him.

5. We believe in His foreknowledge of all things.

6. We believe that the soul of man is saved by the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, unmerited by anything that man can do, but is alone the gift of God to man, freely bestowed on him by God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that the secret faith is made known by revelation, being revealed to man by Almighty God.

8. We believe in experience of grace.

9. We believe in baptism by immersion.

10. We believe that the happiness of the saints is eternal and the punishment of the wicked is everlasting.

11. We believe in the everlasting covenant entered into between the Father and Son.

12. We believe in the atonement made by Jesus for all the elect of God that were given to Jesus Christ before the world was.

13. We believe in the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet.

14. We believe in the perseverance of the saints.

15. We believe it is impossible for them to fall away.

16. We believe in the resurrection of the dead.

17. We believe in Judgment Day, and that the Judge of the whole earth will do right.

18. We believe that the Holy Bible is the word of God, and is a sufficient guide for all believers through time.

RULES OF MINISTERS

1. He shall bring his gift before conference and stand upon the floor and have Exhorting License and when he improves his license, then give him Minister's License. He is not to baptize any member until he is ordained.

2. That we recommend to the church composing the same that no one is ordained to the Ministry of the Word, unless some church requests his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member would be willing to have him as her pastor and that if she has none she actually chooses him as such.

3. If any minister violates these rules he must be tried before the church with Elders and Decorum.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. We agree to hold conference four times a year and as often as we see fit.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be appointed.

3. Conference shall be opened by praise and prayer.

4. The door of the church shall be opened for reception of members to fellowship.

5. The state and standing of the church shall be inquired into.

6. No member shall leave the conference without permission of the Moderator.

7. The minority shall submit to the majority in all cases except receiving members to fellowship and to office; this shall be unanimous.

8. Any business brought up in the church shall be read three times before acted upon.

9. We agree that if any member shall violate these rules, such member shall be dealt with according to gospel order.

10. We agree to commune four times a year when all is well.

11. We agree to wash feet once a year at each church.

12. No member shall have any right to contract any business of the church without the liberty of the church to do so.

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ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator

BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

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Bellamy Chapel .	Wilson	Elder S. L. Woodard,	Deacon Thomas Hillard .	4 in May			1		1		23	130.00
Bellamy Grove ..	Johnston ..	Elder Jonah Bunch,	Deacon Julius Simmons .	1 in Mar.							4	10.00
Shady Grove ...	Wayne ...	Elder Robert Revis,	Deacon L. H. Harris, Deacon Brutus Hooks ...	2 in Feb.		1	1		2		35	200.00
Piney Grove	Wayne ...	Elder Lawrence Reid,	Deacon Brutus Hooks, Bro. Thomas Best	4 in Feb.							3	20.00
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Little Nahunta ..	Wayne ...	Elder Cutler Sauls	Deacon Thomas Hillard, Bro. Thomas Best	2 in Mar.					1		2	15.00

Contribution total $543.00
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Services began at 11:25 a. m. Elder Robert Revis rose and presented Elder F. L. Coley to open the meeting.

Elder F. L. Coley rose and sang hymn 345 for opening service.

Prayer was offered by Deacon Simpson Hart. Then Elder Robert Revis sang hymn 570 and preached the Introductory Sermon, text, John 10.

Then Elder S. L. Woodard sang hymn 188 and preached the Alternate Sermon, text, Psalms 1. Elder Robert Revis closed.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The Association assembled with the Moderator present. Elder Robert Revis used for opening hymn number 73, prayer offered by Elder Lawrence Reid. The Moderator announced the conference in order for business.

On motion that all delegates retire and choose their Moderator and other officers. They chose Elder Robert Revis for Moderator. Brother Thomas Best for Clerk. Deacon Thomas Hillard for the Association Treasurer, Julius Simmons to record the ministers' texts from day to day.

On motion that the report of the delegates be received.

On motion that a portion of Scripture lesson be read. It pleased the mind of the Moderator to read Matthew 18:1-17.

On motion the delegates and brethren be invited to seat with us and take a part in the conference and feel themselves at home.

On motion the Arrangement Committee on Preaching be appointed. They were appointed as follows: Elder S. L. Woodard, Elder Jonah Bunch and Deacon Thomas Hillard.

On motion the Arrangement Committee on Preaching make their report. They reported to open, Brother Bennie Bryant, followed by Brother Debro Bunch and Elder Cutler Sauls.

On motion Finance Committee be appointed. They were Deacon L. H. Harris, Deacon Thomas Hillard and Deacon Brutus Hooks.

On motion list of churches be called and the messengers' names enrolled.

Shady Grove: Deacon L. H. Harris, Deacon Brutus Hooks. Black Creek: Deacon L. H. Harris, Brother Debro Bunch. Bellamy Chapel: Deacon Thomas Hillard; Bellamy Grove: Deacon Julius Simmons: Sims Chapel: Elder Jonah Bunch, Brother Rommie Newsome; Piney Grove: Deacon Brutus Hooks, Brother Thomas Best; Contley Chapel: Deacon Brutus Hooks, Brother Thomas Best; Little Nahunta: Deacon Thomas Hillard, Brother Thomas Best.

On motion Corresponding Messengers make their report.

Little River: Elder James D. Stewart with file of minutes, reported peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue, next session to

be held with Black River Grove Church near Coats, N. C. beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1959. Bethelehem: Elder Johnie Rodgers, with file of minutes, reported peace and love, next session held with Living Hope Church about 2 miles East of Macclesfield, N. C., beginning Friday before the second Sunday in Oct.,1959.

On motion the delegates be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates; Corresponding: no messengers; Radicue: no messengers; Union: no messengers; Long Branch: nomessengers; Loving: no messengers; Sandy Ridge: no messengers; Cooper Grove: no messengers.

On motion Petitionary Letters be called for. none.

On motion delegates retire and appoint a place for the next Association. It pleased the minds of the delegates to send it to Black Creek Ccurch about 2 miles east of Black Creek, N. C.,beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1959.

Elder Robert Revis to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Cutler Sauls to preach the Alternate Sermon.

On motion if there be no other business conference adjourn until 10:00 o'clock Saturday Morning by using hymn 631 lined by Elder F. L. Coley.

Dismissed by Elder James D. Stewart.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled with the Moderator present. Used for opening hymn, 490 lined by Elder F. L. Coley, prayer was offered by Elder Henry Cooper. Then the Moderator announced the Conference open for business. On motion that the roll be called. All present.

On motion the roll of Correspondnig delegates be called.

Little River, present. Corresponding: present; Bethlehem: present; Radicue: Elder Henry Cooper came forward with file of minutes reporting peace and love, next union held with Pilgrim's Rest Ch., Green St., Wilson, N. C., beginning Friday before the first Sunday in Oct.,1959 Long Branch: Elder J. H. Dickens, with file of minutes reporting peace and love; next union held at Leggett, N. C., go to Tarboro, take 44 highway to Leggett, beginning Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1959.

Loving: Brother Edgar Humphrey with file of minutes, reported peace and love; next session held at Hartsville Chapel, direction, go to Jacksonville, N. C., turn east two miles on highway 17, beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1959. Sandy Ridge: Absent; Cooper Grove: Absent; Union: Brother Marvin Barnes with file of minutes, reported peace and love. Next session held at Jones Hill Church, 6 miles out of Wilson, N. C. on 42 highway towards Clayton, N. C., beginning Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1959.

On motion the report of the delegates be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowshipto the delegates.

On motion that Friday evening session be read. On motion the proceeding of Friday evening session be received.

On motion Arrangement Committee on Preaching make their report.

They reported to open: Elder Lawrence Reid, followed by Elder

Earl Holt, Elder J. T. Moore, Elder Willie Bullock, Elder William Maryland.

On motion the Circular Letter be read. On motion the Circular Letter be received.

On motion old Treasurer make report. Reported none.

On motion the report of old Treasurer be received.

On motion the Moderator and Clerk supervise the printing and distribution of 500 copies of our minutes.

On motion that the Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum and Church Government be printed in the minutes.

On motion that the names of Elder, Deacons and Clerks and their addresses be printed in the minutes.

On motion if there be no other business conference adjourn until after dinner by using hymn 353 lined by Brother Marvin Barnes.

Dismissed by Elder James D. Stewart.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

The Association assembled with the Moderator present, used hymn 540, lined by Elder F. L. Coley, prayer offered by Elder Jessie Tucker, the Moderator then announced the conference in order for business.

On motion that the roll be called. All present.

On motion that the roll of Corresponding delegates be called:

Little River, present; Union: present; Radicue: present; Bethlehem: present; Loving: present; Long Branch: present; Corresponding: Elder Joseph Taylor came forward with a file of minutes reported peace and love, next session held at St. John Church, Williamston, N. C., beginning Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1959. Cooper Grove: Absent; Sandy Ridge: Absent.

On motion that the report of the delegates be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

On motion that the Arrangement Committee on Preaching make their report. They reported to open: Elder Lawrence Reid, followed by Brother Marvin Barnes, Elder Henry Cooper, Elder Jimmie Wooten, Elder Johnnie Rodgers.

On motion that letters from the different churches be read. They all reported peace and love. On motion the minutes of Saturday morning session be read. On motion the minutes of Saturday Morning Session be received.

On motion the door of the church be opened. Elder G. C. Payton came forward from the Tar River Association reporting peace and love, seeking correspondence with Contentnea Association.

On motion the Contentnea Association receive the Tar River Association by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to Elder G. C. Payton. Tar River Elder G. C. Payton came forward with a fiile of minutes, reported peace and love, next session held at Galloway Chapel at Grimesland, N. C. on highway 264., beginning Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1959.

On motion that the report be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.

On motion the Finance Committee report. They reported $445.00.

On motion the report of the Finance Committee be received

On motion messengers be appointed to visit Associations with whom we correspond:

Little River: Brother Matthew Reid; Sandy Ridge: Elder Cutler Sauls; Radicue: Elder Earl Holt; Corresponding: Elder F. L. Coley; Loving: Brother Debro Bunch; Cooper Grove; Elder Earl Holt; Bethlehem: Brother Bennie Bryant: Long Branch: Elder Lawrence Reid; Union: Elder S. L. Woodard; Tar River: Elder Robert Revis.

On motion that the Association pay her expense.

On motion male members pay $5.00, female members pay $2.00, Association fees in 1959.

On motion minutes of Saturday evening session be read. On motion the minutes of the Saturday evening session be received.

On motion if there be no other business conference close until Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1959 by using hymn 540, lined by Elder S. L. Woodard.

Dismissed by Elder Amos H. Humphrey.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

FRIDAY EVENING AT THE STAND

Brother Bennie Bryant opened by using hymn 3, prayer offered by Brother Bennie Bryant. Then Brother Debro Bunch sang hymn 35 and preached from Isaiah 40, then Elder Cutler Sauls sang hymn 201 and preached a wonderful sermon . Donation $7.95. Dismissed by Brother Bennie Bryant.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE STAND

Deacon Thomas Hillard sang hymn 3, prayer offered by Deacon Thomas Hillard, then Elder F. L. Coley sang hymn 108, text Psa. 120; then Elder Jimmie Wooten sang hymn 416, text St. John 6:14; then Elder James Stewart used as his text St. John 1:1, then Elder S. L. Woodard made some brief remarks, then Elder S. L. Woodard sang hymn293 for closing. Donation $1.90. Dismissed by Eld. Jimmie Wooten

SATURDAY AT THE STAND

Elder Lawrence Reid sang hymn 200 for opening, prayer offered by Elder John T. Moore, then Elder Earl Holt preached from Revelation; then Elder John T. Moore sang hymn 393 and preached from John 1; then Elder Willie Bullock sang hymn 380 and used as a text Gen. 2; then Elder William Maryland sang hymn 490 and preached a wonderful sermon. Donation $15.00. Closed by the supervision of the Moderator.

SATURDAY EVENING AT STAND

Elder Lawrence Reid sang hymn 128 for opening and offered prayer; then Brother Marvin Barnes sang hymn 76 and preached from St. Matt. 20; then Elder Henry Cooper sang hymn 168, and used St. John 15; then Elder Jimmie Wooten sang hymn 73 and preached a wonderful sermon; then Elder Johnnie Rodgers sang hymn 364 and preached from Revelations; then Elder Fate Melton sang hymn 706 and used St. John 1. Closed with hymn 515. Collection $7.85. Dismissed by the supervision of the Moderator.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE STAND

Deacon Thomas Hillard opened the meeting by using hymn 196, prayer by Deacon Thomas Hillard; then Elder S. L. Woodard presented Elder Joe Taylor to preach, who used "I saw a plumb line." Then Elder Jessie Tucker sang hymn 396 and used Psa. 133:1; then Elder P. L. Hill sang hymn 141 and used for a text Gen. 1:1; then Elder A. H. Humphrey sang hymn 364 and used St. John 1:1

Then Elder S. A. Short sang hymn 400 and used "Elijah prayed for the life of the dead child." Then Elder S. L. Woodard sang hymn 250 for closing. Collection $8.65. Dismissed by Elder Robert Revis.

SUNDAY MORNING AT THE STAND

Elder Robert Revis opened by using hymn 275, prayer offered by Elder Lawrence Reid; then Elder Joe Taylor preached a wonderful sermon; then Brother Marvin Barnes sang hymn 144 and used Exodus 2; then Elder Henry Cooper sang hymn 353 and preached a wonderful sermon; then Elder G. C. Payton used Rom. 8:28; then Elder Jessie Tucker sang hymn 355 and preached wonderful; Elder James D. Stewart used St. Matthew 1:6. Elder J. H. Dickens sang hymn 73 and preached wonderfully; then Sandy Brown sang hymn 3 and preached wonderfully. Collection $92.00. Closing supervised by the Moderator.

NAMES OF VISITING ELDERS AND BROTHERS

Elders: Fred Dildy, Willie Elis, P. L. Hill, Levi Edwards, Ruffin Hyman, Dorsey Battle, David Bullock, Nan Hoskins, Johnnie B. Pitt, Ben N. Sharp, Richard Hill, Alex Jones, Joe Taylor, Benjamin Cherry, Julius Bess, Charlie Bullock, S. A. Short, Fate Melton, Warren Tucker, Blonnie Williams.
Brother Elvis Hill.

To the ministering brethren: If we failed to enroll your name it was beyond our control, and we are sorry if we overlooked you. We want you all to come to see us as often as you can. For we feel that we cannot get along without you. Dear brethren, let us live together in one accord in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

In the year of our Lord, 1958. Dear Brethren, we are thankful that the Lord has blessed us to meet again. We trust this glorious correspondence may forever remain and grow stronger and stronger.

Dear Brethren, we desire to be led by the Spirit of God, for as many as are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God..

This done by order of conference, 1958.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

Little River—Elder James D. Stewart
Bethlehem—Elder Johnnie Rodgers
Radicue—Elder Henry Cooper
Union—Brother Marvin Barnes
Long Branch—Elder J. H. Dickens
Loving—Elder Amos H. Humphrey
Corresponding—Elder Joseph Taylor
Tar River—Elder G. C. Payton
Cooper Grove—Absent
Sandy Ridge—Absent.

ORDAINED ELDERS OF THE CONTENTNEA ASSOCIATION, AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Robert Revis, Wilson, N. C. Rt. 3, Box 69B
Elder Jonah Bunch, Selma, N. C.
Elder S. L. Woodard, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder F. L. Coley, Rt. 2, Box 215, Fremont, N. C.
Elder Lawrence Reid, 623A Manchester St., Wilson, N. C.
Phone: 6812
Elder Cutler Sauls, Rt. 3, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Earl Holt, Rt. 3, Box 64A, Wilson, N. C.

CONTENTNEA LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Debro Bunch, Wilson P.O., Wilson, N. C.
Brother Bennie Bryant, Elm City, N. C.
Brother Mack Bunch, 1446 Colorado St., House 7, 9121
Philadelphia, Penna.
Brother Matthew Reid, Rt. 3, Wilson, N. C.

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Thomas Best, Rt. 2, Box 2, Princeton, N. C.
Deacon Julius Simmons, Wilson, N. C.
Sister Ada Parker, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Brother L. H. Coley, P.O. Box 2071, 911 Hadly St., Wilson
Brother F. L. Coley, Rt. 2, Box 215, Fremont, N. C.

CONTENTNEA DEACONS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Deacon L. H. Harris, 1202, Waynewright Ave., Wilson, N. C.
Deacon Thomas Hillard, Elm City, N. C.
Deacon Julius Simmons, Wilson, N. C.
Deacon Brutus Hooks, Rt. 1, Smithfield, N. C.

— OBITUARIES —

In remembrance of our former Moderator, Elder W. M. K. Taylor, departed this life May 16, 1950 at the age of 78 years. We believe that we have lost a good Moderator, who was a good shepherd that went in and out before us. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Sleep on Elder Taylor and take your rest. We loved you but God loved you best.

Sister Eva Lewis was born May 1907 and departed this life January 16, 1958 making her stay on earth 50 years. She was a member of Black Creek Church 15 years and a faithful member as long as she was able. We loved her but God loved her best.

Sister Eva Adams departed this life January 1, 1958 at the age of 74 years. She was a member of Black Creek Church for a number of years. She was faithful as long as she was able, we loved her but God loved her best.

Brother Elijah Bunch, departed this life October 2, 1958 at the age of 50 years. He was a member of Piney Grove Church. for a number of years. He was sick for some time. He bore his sickness with patience. We loved Brother Bunch but God loved him best.

ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENT

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association, who shall be members supposed to be the best qualified for that purpose, and those producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats in the Association provided the church is in peace at the time the appointment is made.

2. In these letters presented by said members shall be recorded the number of members in full fellowship, how many received, how many dismissed or excluded, and those who died since last Association convened.

3. Members thus chosen and convened shall denominate the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be of the body chosen by the members that compose the Association; they shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

6. The names of the members that constitute the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may require.

7. In case a new church desires to be admitted to this union, they shall petition by letter and legal representatives and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator extending to the messenger the right hand of fellowship.

8. It shall not be the duty of the Moderator to vote in the Association, but in the case of a division in the Association the Moderator shall appoint a committee to investigate and shall execute his own judgment according to the report of the committee as to who is in order or disorder.

9. If any minister is not found adhering to the orthodox doctrines and principles that demonstrate the original Primitive Baptist cause, the messengers that constitute the Association shall be authorized by the Moderator to investigate this matter at any time available.

10. Visiting brethren may be invited to assist in the Association in every way except to vote.

11. If any church of this Association shall become grievous, failing to report, it shall be under the immediate censure of the Association.

12. The Association shall furnish the churches of the union with Minutes of the proceedings.

13. Clerk shall have a book in which shall be recorded the proceedings of each Association and when and where the Association will be held at the different churches in the union.

14. We believe it to be absolutely necessary to have a fund for defraying expenses of the Association and recommend that each church composing it, voluntarily contribute such sum as they think proper and send it by the messenger to the Association, which money shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall account for the same and pay it out as directed by the Association.

15. Every query presented by any messenger in the Association shall be read and before it shall be debated, the Moderator shall put it to a vote as to whether it shall be debated, otherwise the query must be withdrawn.

16. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.

17. The Association shall provide a general union among the chur-

ches, shall preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the same, shall give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty, shall have power to withdraw from any church composing the union which violates the rules of the Association, or deviates from the orthodox principles by a majority vote.

On motion agreed that no elder or deacon shall have the power to carry any of Contentnea property to any other circuit or Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is one true and living God.
2. We believe in His divinity and God-head.
3. We believe that there are three distinct persons composing His characters, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.
4. We believe that He is a God of purpose and that all His purposes are carried into effect by Him.
5. We believe in His foreknowledge of all things.
6. We believe that the soul of man is saved by the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, unmerited by anything that man can do, but is alone the gift of God to man, freely bestowed on him by God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
7. We believe that the secret faith is made known by revelation, being revealed to man by Almighty God.
8. We believe in experience of grace.
9. We believe in baptism by immersion.
10. We believe that the happiness of the saints is eternal and the punishment of the wicked is everlasting.
11. We believe in the everlasting covenant entered into between the Father and Son.
12. We believe in the atonement made by Jesus for all the elect of God that were given to Jesus Christ before the world was.
13. We believe in the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet.
14. We believe in the perseverance of the saints.
15. We believe it is impossible for them to fall away.
16. We believe in the resurrection of the dead.
17. We believe in Judgment Day, and that the Judge of the whole earth will do right.
18. We believe that the Holy Bible is the word of God, and is a sufficient guide for all believers through time.

RULES OF MINISTERS

1. He shall bring his gift before conference and stand upon the floor and have Exhorting License and when he improves his license, then give him Minister's License. He is not to baptize any member until he is ordained.
2. That we recommend to the church composing the same that no one is ordained to the Ministry of the Word, unless some church requests his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member would be willing to have him as her pastor and that if she has none she actually chooses him as such.
3. If any minister violates these rules he must be tried before the church with Elders and Decorum.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. We agree to hold conference four times a year and as often as we see fit.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be appointed.
3. Conference shall be opened by praise and prayer.
4. The door of the church shall be opened for reception of members to fellowship.
5. The state and standing of the church shall be inquired into.
6. No member shall leave the conference without permission of the Moderator.
7. The minority shall submit to the majority in all cases except receiving members to fellowship and to office; this shall be unanimous.
8. Any business brought up in the church shall be read three times before acted upon.
9. We agree that if any member shall violate these rules, such member shall be dealt with according to gospel order.
10. We agree to commune four times a year when all is well.
11. We agree to wash feet once a year at each church.
12. No member shall have any right to contract any business of the church without the liberty of the church to do so.
13. If any member of the church become dissatisfied with the rules of the church they shall be excluded from fellowship until they can give satisfaction and then be restored.
14. Be it resolved that we will withdraw fellowship from any member that will not pay his or her honest debt, if they are able to work.
15. If any member shall wilfully absent himself or herself from communion, he or she shall make their reasons known to the church.
16. If any member violates any of these rules they shall be brought to trial. They must be first tried by their own church.
17. If any member sees another transgress the rules of the church and does not report it to the church after complying with Matthew 18, they are liable to be tried before the church themselves.
18. If any minister, deacon, or clerk transgress these rules, the church shall have power to call help from other churches to aid in settling it.
24. No traffic or trade shall be nearer than 150 yards of the church ground.
25. No minister, or member shall have a right to carry any of Contentnea Association property to any other Association.
26. This done by order of the Association conference.
19. We agree to not commune with any person unless they are baptised in our faith and order.
20. We agree to commune with Predestinarian Baptists who are in good standing.
21. No exhorting minister shall be admitted to the stand only by preaching his trial sermon, only in a Union or an Association.
22. We agree male members pay $5.00; female members pay $2.00 Association fees.
23. No ordination shall be done unless it is in a Union or an Association.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

STATISTICALE TABLE

CHURCH AND COUNTY	PASTORS	MESSENGERS	Annual Meeting	Restored to Fel.	Rec'd. by baptism	Deceased	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Rec'd by Letter	Membership	Contributions
Black Creek, Wilson	Elder Robert Revis ..	Deacon L. H. Harris, Debro Bunch	1 Feb.				2	..	..	30	126.00
Bellamy Chapel, Wilson	Elder S. L. Woodard	Deacon ThomasHillard	4 March	..	..		..	1	..	23	130.00
Bellamy Grove, Johnson	Elder Jonah Bunch ...	Deacon Julius Simmons..... ..	1 March		..		..	..		4	20.00
Shady Grove, Wayne	Elder Robert Revis ...	Deas. Brutus Hooks, L. H. Harris	2 Feb.	..	..		..			35	210.00
Piney Grove, Wayne	Elder Lawrence Reid .	Dea. Brutus Hooks, Thomas Best	4 Feb.	..		1	..	..		2	10.00
Contentnea Chapel, Wayne..	Elder F. L. Coley ..	Dea. Brutus Hooks, Thomas Best	3 Feb.		..		..	..		2	5.00
Sims Chapel, Johnson	Elder Jonah Bunch ..	Eld. Jonah Bunch, R. Newsome	3 March	..	..			..		4	20.00
Little Nahunta, Wayne....	Elder Cutler Sauls ...	Dea. Thomas Hillard Thomas Best	2 March	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	15.00
			Contribution								$536.00
			Public Collection								134.50
			Total in Treasury								670.50
			Total Expense								623.73
			Total Balance								46.77

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HELD WITH

BLACK CREEK CHURCH

WILSON COUNTY, BLACK CREEK, N. C.
FRIDAY BEFORE THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN OCT.,

1959

Next session convenes with Shady Grove Church, located 5 miles north of Goldsboro, N. C., beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1960.

OFFICERS

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OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH BLACK CREEK CHURCH, BLACK CREEK, N. C., FRIDAY BEFORE THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1959.

Service began at 11 o'clock. Elder Robert Revis arose and sang hymn 380 for opening.

Prayer was offered by Elder F. L. Coley. Then Elder Robert Revis sang hymn 570 and preached the Introductory Sermon. He used for a text St. John 15. Then Elder Cutler Sauls sang hymn 280 and preached the alternate sermon. He preached a wonderful sermon; no special text. Then Elder F. L. Coley arose and sang hymn 400 for closing. Dismissed by Elder F. L. Coley.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The Association assembled with the Moderator present; used for opening hymn 200 lined by Deacon Julius Simmons. Prayer was offered by Deacon L. H. Harris. Then the Moderator announced the conference open for business. On motion that delegates retire and chose their Moderator and other officers.

They chose Elder Robert Revis for Moderator; Brother Thomas Best for Clerk. Deacon Thomas Hillard for Association Treasurer; Deacon Julius Simmons to record the ministers' texts from day to day.

On motion that the report of the delegates be received. On motion that a portion of Scripture lesson be read.

It pleased the mind of the Moderator to read St. Matt. 18:1-17.

On motion that delegates and brethren be invited to seat with us take a part in the conference and feel themselves at home.

On motion Arrangement Committee on Preaching be appointed. They were appointed as follows: Elder S. L. Woodard, Elder Lawrence, Reid, Deacon Thomas Hillard.

On motion Arrangement Committee on Preaching made their report. They reported to open with Elder Lawrence Reid, followed by Brother Thomas Farmer, Elder Earl Holt, Elder F. L. Coley.

On Motion that Finance Committee be appointed. Appointed were: Deacons L. H. Harris, Thomas Hillard, Brutus Hooks.

On motion list of churches be called and the messengers' names enrolled.

Shady Grove: Deacon L. H. Harris and Deacon Brutus Hooks.

Black Creek: Deacon L. H. Harris and Brother Debro Bunch.

Bellamy Chapel: Deacon Thomas Hillard.

Bellamy Grove: Deacon Julius Simmons.

Sims Chapel: Brother Rommie Newsome.

Little Nahunta: Deacon Thomas Hillard and Bro. Thomas Best.

Piney Grove: Deacon Brutus Hooks and Bro. Thomas Best.

On motion corresponding messengers make their report.

Little River: Elder James D. Stewart came with a file of minutes reporting peace and love. Next session held with Mt. Moriah Church in Smithfield, N. C., beginning Friday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1960.

Bethlehem: Elder Ruffin Hyman came with a file of minutes reporting peace and love. Next session held with Little Living Hope

Church in Fremont, N. C., beginning Friday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1960.

Radicue: Elder William Maryland came with a file of minutes reporting peace and love; next session held with Seven Springs Church in Rocky Mount, N. C. on East Spring St., beginning Friday before the first Sunday in Oct. 1960.

Sandy Ridge: Elder J. F. Mabe came with a file of minutes reporting peace and love; next session held with Mountain View Church, 9 miles out of Madison, N. C., beginning Friday before the third Sunday in July 1960. Second session held with Little Richmond Church west of Mt. Airy, N. C., beginning Friday before the third Sunday in Oct. 1960.

On motion that the report of the delegates be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Union: Absent. Long Branch: Absent. Loving: Absent. Corresponding: Absent. Tar River: Absent. Cooper's Grove: Absent.

On motion petitionary letters be called for. There were none.

On motion that the delegates retire and appoint a place for the next Association. It pleased the minds of the delegates to send it to Shady Grove Church, 5 miles north of Goldsboro, N. C. but will be held at Fremont, N. C., beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1960. Elder Robert Revis to preach the Introductory sermon. Elder Earl Holt to preach the alternate sermon.

On motion if there be no other business, conference adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow by using hymn 631, lined by Elder Cutler Sauls. Dismissed by Elder James D. Stewart.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled with the Moderator present; used for opening hymn 73 lined by Elder Robert Revis; prayer was offered by Elder James D. Stewart. Then the Moderator announced the conference in order for business.

On motion that the roll be called. All present.

On motion that the roll of corresponding delegates be called.

Sandy Ridge: present. Little River: present. Bethlehem: present. Radicue: absent.

Long Branch: Elder John Charles came with a file of minutes reporting peace and love; next session held with the Tar River Chapel Church in Tarboro, N. C., beginning Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1960.

Tar River: Elder Leslie Blow came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love; next session held at Paul's Chapel Church, 5 miles out of Greenville, North Carolina on the old Stantonsburg Rd., beginning Friday before the third Sunday in Oct. 1960.

Union: Elder Fate Melton came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love; next session held at Fountain Hill Church in Fountain North Carolina, beginning Friday before the first Sunday in Oct. 1960.

Corresponding: Elder Joe Taylor came with a file of minutes reporting peace and love; next session held at Jones Chapel Church. Go to Bethel, N. C., on hwy. 11, turn left and go 7 miles out; beginning Friday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1960.

On motion that the report of the delegates be received by the

Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Copper's Grove: absent. Loving: absent.

On motion that Friday evening session be read. On motion that Friday evening session be received.

On motion that Arrangement Committee on Preaching make their report. They reported: To open, Elder Earl Holt, followed by Elder David Bynum, Elder James D. Stewart, Elder Willie Bullock.

On motion that Circular letter be read. On motion that Circular Letter be received.

On motion that old Treasurer make a report: reported $63.67.

On motion that the roport of old Treasurer be received.

On motion that the Moderator and Clerk supervise the printing and distribution of 500 copies of our minutes.

On motion that the Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum and Church Government be printed in the minutes.

On motion that the names of Elders, Deacons and Clerks and their addresses be printed in the minutes.

On motion that the repair of Piney Grove Church be taken under consideration.

On motion that the debt against Little Nahunta Church be taken under consideration.

On motion if there be no other business, conference adjourn until after dinner by using hymn 197 lined by Elder James D. Stewart. Dismissed by Elder James D. Stewart.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

The Association assembled with the Moderator present. Used for opening hymn 674, lined by Elder J. F. Mabe. Prayer was offered by Elder J. F. Mabe. Then the Moderator announced the conference in order for business.

On motion that the roll be called. All present. On motion the roll of corresponding delegates be called.

Little River: present. Sandy Ridge: present. Radicue: present. Union: present. Long Branch: present: Corresponding: present. Bethlehem: present. Tar River: present. Cooper's Grove: Elder Hubert Alston came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love; next session held at Checks Crossing, two miles from Mebane, N. C., beginning Saturday before the third Sunday in Aug. 1960.

Loving: Brother E. H. Humphrey came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love; next session held at Edney Chapel Church, 6 miles south of Richland, N. C., beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1960.

On motion that the report of the delegates be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates. On motion that the Arrangement Committee on Preaching make their report. They reported: To open, Elder F. L. Coley, followed by Elder Levi Scales, Elder William Maryland, Elder Joe Taylor, Elder John Charles and Elder Leslie Blow.

On motion that the letters from the different churches be read. They all reported peace and love.

On motion that the report of the churches be received. On motion the minutes of Saturday morning session be read. On motion the minutes of Saturday morning session be received. On motion Finance Committee make a report. Reported $332.20.

On motion the report of the Finance Committee be received.

On motion messengers be appointed to visit Associations with whom we correspond.

Little River: Elder S. L. Woodard.
Sandy Ridge: Brother Debro Bunch.
Loving: Elder F. L. Coley.
Corresponding: Brother Matthew Reid.
Radicue: Brother Bennie Bryant.
Union: Elder Robert Revis.
Cooper's Grove: Elder Cutler Sauls.
Tar River: Elder F. L. Coley.
Bethlehem: Elder Lawrence Reid.

On motion that we pay our Clerk $12.00 for his service.

On motion male members pay $5.00; female members pay $2.00 Associations fees in 1960.

On motion that the Association pay off her expense and the remainder go to the Associations treasurer.

On motion that the churces that have not paid all their Association funds be taken under consideration.

On motion that after the Association expense be paid the remainder in treasury go towards the repair of Piney Grove Church and the debit against Little Nahunta Church.

On motion that the minutes of Saturday evening session be read.

On motion that the minutes of Saturday evening session be received. On motion if there be no other business, conference adjourn until Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1960 by using hymn 506 lined by Elder Fate Melton. Dismissed by the supervision of the Moderator.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

FRIDAY EVENING AT THE STAND

Elder Lawrence Reid opened by using hymn 16; prayer was offered by Elder Lawrence Reid. Then Brother Thomas Farmer arose and sang hymn 353 and preached a wonderful sermon. Then Elder Robert Revis arose and gave brief remarks. Elder Lawrence Reid sang hymn 356 for closing. Dismissed by Elder Lawrence Reid.

SATURDAY MORNING AT THE STAND

Elder Earl Holt sang hymn 288 for opening; prayer was offered by Elder Earl Holt. Then Elder David Bynum sang hymn 141 and preached a wonderful sermon; no special text. Then Elder James D. Stewart arose and preached; Revelations. Then Elder J. D. Bullock arose and preached wonderfully. Elder F. L. Coley sang hymn 201 for closing. Donation $16.56. Dismissed by Elder S. L. Woodard.

SATURDAY EVENING AT THE STAND

Elder F. L. Coley sang hymn 400 for opening; prayer was offered by Deacon Edgar H. Humphrey. Then Elder Leslie Blow arose and preached; text, Ezek. 37:16. Then Elder Levi Scales used Rev. 20:10. Then Elder Robert Revis sang hymn 83 for closing. Donation $6.00. Dismissed by Elder F. L. Coley.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE STAND

Deacon L. H. Harris opened by using hymn 73; prayer was offered

by Deacon L. H. Coley. Then Deacon L. H. Harris arose and asked Elder David Bynum to conduct the meeting until the Moderator arrived. Elder David Bynum arose and read a portion of scripture; St. Mark 2:1-14. Then Elder Robert Revis arose and presented Elder Joe Taylor to preach. He arose and sang hymn 3 and preached. He used for his text, I saw a plumb line. Then Elder Hubert Alston arose and preached; text, Jesus is the only way into the city. Then Elder Ruffin Hyman arose and preached a wonderful sermon. Then Elder J. F. Mabe sang hymn 364 and preached wonderfully. Then Elder Fate Melton sang hymn 121 for Closing. Donation $16.10. Dismissed by Elder Fate Melton.

SUNDAY MORNING AT THE STAND

Used for opening hymn 155 lined by Elder Robert Revis; prayer was offered by Elder Robert Revis. Then Elder William Maryland arose and preached; text St. John 15. Then Elder S. D. Sevenson from the Roanoke Association arose and sang a short hymn and preached; text St. John 14. Then Elder J. F. Mabe sang hymn 490 and used for his text St. John 1. Elder Hubert Alston arose and preached; text, Rev. 1:1. Then Elder J. D. Stewart arose and preached; text St Luke 39. Then Elder Ruffin Hyman preached; no special text. Then Elder Soldier Hairston arose and preached; text, St. John 1. Then Elder Lawrence Reid sang hymn 689 for closing. Donation $55.80. Dismissed by Elder Lawrence Reid.

NAMES OF VISITING ELDERS & BRETHREN

Elder David Bullock; Elder Richard Hill; Elder A. H. Humphrey; Elder Henry Cooper; Elder P. L. Hill; Elder Willie Ellis; Elder Jimmie Wooten; Elder Johnnie Morning; Elder David Bullock; Elder Uriah Parker; Elder Fred Dildy.

To the ministering brethren, if we failed to enrole your name it was beyond our control and we are sorry if we over-looked you. We want you all to come to see us as often as you can for we feel that we can not get along without you dear brethren. Let us live together in one accord in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

In the year of our Lord 1959. Dear Brethren,— We are thankful that the Lord has blessed us to meet again.

We trust that this glorious correspondence may forever remain and grow stronger and stronger.

Dear Brethren, we desire to be led by the Spirit of God, for as many as are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God.

This done by order of conference, 1959.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

Little River: Elder J. D. Stewart
Bethlehem: Elder Ruffin Hymon
Radicue: Elder William Maryland

Union: Elder Fate Melton
Long Branch: Elder John Charles
Loving: Deacon Edgar H. Humphrey
Corresponding: Elder Joe Taylor
Tar River: Elder Leslie Blow
Cooper's Grove: Elder Hubert Alston
Sandy Ridge: Elder J. F. Mabe

ORDAINED ELDERS OF THE CONTENTNEA ASSOCIATION, AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Robert Revis, Wilson, N. C. Rt. 3, Box 69B
Elder Jonah Bunch, Selma, N. C.
Elder S. L. Woodard, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder F. L. Coley, Rt. 2, Box 215, Fremont, N. C.
Elder Lawrence Reid, 623A Manchester St., Wilson, N. C. Phone: 6812
Elder Cutler Sauls, Rt. 3, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Earl Holt, Rt. 1, Bethel, N. C.

CONTENTNEA LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Debro Bunch, Wilson P.O., Wilson, N. C.
Brother Bennie Bryant, Elm City, N. C.
Brother Mack Bunch, 1446 Colorado St., House 7, 9121 Philadelphia, Penna.
Brother Matthew Reid, Rt. 1, Fremont, N. C.

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Thomas Best, Rt. 2, Box 2, Princeton, N. C.
Deacon Julius Simmons, Wilson, N. C.
Sister Ada Parker, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder F. L. Coley, Rt. 2, Box 215, Fremont, N. C.
Brother Rubie Howell, Kenly, N. C.
Brother James E. Cooper, Rt. 1, Box 147B, Lucama, N. C.

CONTENTNEA DEACONS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Deacon L. H. Harris, 1202, Waynewright Ave., Wilson, N. C.
Deacon Thomas Hillard, Elm City, N. C.
Deacon Julius Simmons, Wilson, N. C.
Deacon Brutus Hooks, Rt. 1, Smithfield, N. C.
Deacon L. H. Coley, P. O. Box 2071; 911 Hadly St. Wilson, N. C. Phone: 7-0703

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OBITUARIES

In remembrance of our former Moderator Elder W. M. K. Taylor.

Departed this life May 16, 1950 at the age of 78 years.

We believe that we have lost a good Moderator who was a good shepherd that went in and out before us.

We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. Sleep on Elder Taylor and take your rest. We loved you but God loved you best.

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Sister Lula Lawrence departed this life July 6, 1959. She was a member of Bellamy Chapel Church 16 years. She was faithful to her Church as long as she was able.

We loved her but God loved her best.

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Sister Eliza Grice departed this life July 2, 1959 at the age of 70 years. She was a member of Black Creek Church for 31 years.

Sleep on Sister Eliza and take your rest. We loved you but God loved you best.

ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENT

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association, who shall be members supposed to be the best qualified for that purpose, and those producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats in the Association provided the church is in peace at the time the appointment is made.

2. In these letters presented by said members shall be recorded the number of members in full fellowship, how many received, how many dismissed or excluded, and those who died since last Association convened.

3. Members thus chosen and convened shall denominate the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be of the body chosen by the members that compose the Association; they shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

6. The names of the members that constitute the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may require.

7. In case a new church desires to be admitted to this union, they shall petition by letter and legal representatives and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator extending to the messenger the right hand of fellowship.

8. It shall not be the duty of the Moderator to vote in the Association, but in the case of a division in the Association the Moderator shall appoint a committee to investigate and shall execute his own judgment according to the report of the committee as to who is in order or disorder.

9. If any minister is not found adhering to the orthodox doctrines and principles that demonstrate the original Primitive Baptist cause, the messengers that constitute the Association shall be authorized by the Moderator to investigate this matter at any time available.

10. Visiting brethren may be invited to assist in the Association in every way except to vote.

11. If any church of this Association shall become grievous, failing to report, it shall be under the immediate censure of the Association.

12. The Association shall furnish the churches of the union with Minutes of the proceedings.

13. Clerk shall have a book in which shall be recorded the proceedings of each Association and when and where the Association will be held at the different churches in the union.

14. We believe it to be absolutely necessary to have a fund for defraying expenses of the Association and recommend that each church composing it, voluntarily contribute such sum as they think proper and send it by the messenger to the Association, which money shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall account for the same and pay it out as directed by the Association.

15. Every query presented by any messenger in the Association shall be read and before it shall be debated, the Moderator shall put it to a vote as to whether it shall be debated, otherwise the query must be withdrawn.

16. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.

17. The Association shall provide a general union among the churches, shall preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the same, shall give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty, shall have power to withdraw from any church composing the union which violates the rules of the Association, or deviates from the orthodox principles by a majority vote.

On motion agreed that no elder or deacon shall have the power to carry any of Contentnea property to any other circuit or Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is one true and living God.

2. We believe in His divinity and God-head.

3. We believe that there are three distinct persons composing His characters, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

4. We believe that He is a God of purpose and that all His purposes are carried into effect by Him.

5. We believe in His foreknowledge of all things.

6. We believe that the soul of man is saved by the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, unmerited by anything that man can do, but is alone the gift of God to man, freely bestowed on him by God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that the secret faith is made known by revelation, being revealed to man by Almighty God.

8. We believe in experience of grace.

9. We believe in baptism by immersion.

10. We believe that the happiness of the saints is eternal and the punishment of the wicked is everlasting.

11. We believe in the everlasting covenant entered into between the Father and Son.

12. We believe in the atonement made by Jesus for all the elect of God that were given to Jesus Christ before the world was.

13. We believe in the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet.
14. We believe in the perseverance of the saints.
15. We believe it is impossible for them to fall away.
16. We believe in the resurrection of the dead.
17. We believe in Judgment Day, and that the Judge of the whole earth will do right.
18. We believe that the Holy Bible is the word of God, and is a sufficient guide for all believers through time.

RULES OF MINISTERS

1. He shall bring his gift before conference and stand upon the floor and have Exhorting License and when he improves his license, then give him Minister's License. He is not to baptize any member until he is ordained.
2. That we recommend to the church composing the same that no one is ordained to the Ministry of the Word, unless some church requests his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member would be willing to have him as her pastor and that if she has none she actually chooses him as such.
3. If any minister violates these rules he must be tried before the church with Elders and Decorum.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. We agree to hold conference four times a year and as often as we see fit.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be appointed.
3. Conference shall be opened by praise and prayer.
4. The door of the church shall be opened for reception of members to fellowship.
5. The state and standing of the church shall be inquired into.
6. No member shall leave the conference without permission of the Moderator.
7. The minority shall submit to the majority in all cases except receiving members to fellowship and to office; this shall be unanimous.
8. Any business brought up in the church shall be read three times before acted upon.
9. We agree that if any member shall violate these rules, such member shall be dealt with according to gospel order.
10. We agree to commune four times a year when all is well.
11. We agree to wash feet once a year at each church.
12. No member shall have any right to contract any business of the church without the liberty of the church to do so.
13. If any member of the church become dissatisfied with the rules of the church they shall be excluded from fellowship until they can give satisfaction and then be restored.
14. Be it resolved that we will withdraw fellowship from any member that will not pay his or her honest debt, if they are able to work.
15. If any member shall wilfully absent himself or herself from communion, he or she shall make their reasons known to the church.
16. If any member violates any of these rules they shall be brought to trial. They must be first tried by their own church.
17. If any member sees another transgress the rules of the church and does not report it to the church after complying with Matthew 18, they are liable to be tried before the church themselves.
18. If any minister, deacon, or clerk transgress these rules, the church shall have power to call help from other churches to aid in settling it.

19. We agree to not commune with any person unless they are baptised in our faith and order.

20. We agree to commune with Predestinarian Baptists who are in good standing.

21. No exhorting minister shall be admitted to the stand only by preaching his trial sermon, only in a Union or an Association.

22. We agree male members pay $5.00; female members pay $2.00 Association fees.

23. No ordination shall be done unless it is in a Union or an Association.

24. No traffic or trade shall be nearer than 150 yards of the church ground.

25. No minister, or member shall have a right to carry any of Contentnea Association property to any other Association.

26. This done by order of the Association conference.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES	PASTOR	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Annual or Com.	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution
Black Creek, Wilson	Eld. Robert Revis	Dea. L. H. Harris, Bro. Debro Bunch	Feb.	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	28	$47.00
Shady Grove, Wayne	Eld. Robert Revis	Dea. L. H. Harris, Dea. Brutus Hooks.	Feb.	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	36	98.00
Bellamy Chapel, Wilson.	Eld. S. L. Woodard	Dea. Thomas Hillard	Mar.	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	22	57.00
Bellamy Grove, Johnson	Eld. Jonah Bunch	Dea. Julius Simmons	Mar.	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	5	12.00
Piney Grove, Wayne	Eld. Lawrence Reid	Dea. Brutus Hooks, Bro. Thomas Best.	Feb.	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4.00
Sims Chapel, Johnson	Eld. Jonah Bunch	Bro. Rommie Newsome	Mar.	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	9.00
Little Nahunta, Wayne	Eld. Cutler Sauls	Dea. Thomas Hillard, Bro. Thomas Best	Mar.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	7.00
			Contribution									$234.00
			Public Collection									98.20
			Total in Treasury									332.20
			Total Expense									268.03
			Total Balance									64.17

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Minutes

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Piney Grove Church

WAYNE COUNTY, FREMONT, N. C.
OCTOBER 20, 21, 22,

1961

Next session convenes with Bellamy Chapel Church, located Sharpsburg, N. C., Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1962.

OFFICERS

ELDER ROBERT REVIS ..... Moderator
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Proceedings

OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH PINEY GROVE CHURCH AT NORWAYNE SCHOOL, FREMONT, N. C., FRIDAY BEFORE THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1961.

Service began at 11:15 o'clock. Elder Robert Revis arose and sang hymn 155 for opening. Prayer was offered by Brother John H. Cooper.

Then Elder Robert Revis arose and sang hymn 76 and read a portion of St. Matthew 7, beginning at the 13th verse. "Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it," and preached the introductory sermon.

Then Elder Lawrence Reid arose and sang hymn 623 and preached the alternate sermon. He used for a text 2 Tim. 4:3, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears."

Then Elder F. L. Coley sang hymn 397 for closing. Donation, $12.05.

Dismissed by Elder Robert Revis.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The Association assembled with the Moderator present; used for opening hymn 189, lined by Elder F. L. Coley. Prayer was offered by Elder F. L. Coley. Then the Moderator announced the conference open for business.

On motion that the delegates retire and choose their Moderator and other officers.

They chose Elder Robert Revis for their Moderator. Brother Thomas Best for Clerk. Deacon Thomas Hillard for Association Treasurer, and Deacon Julius Simmons to record the ministers' texts from day to day.

On motion that the report of the delegates be received.

On motion that a portion of Scripture lesson be read.

It pleased the mind of the Moderator to read a portion of St. Matthew 18:1-8.

On motion that delegates and brethren be invited to seat with us and take a part in the conference and feel themselves at home.

On motion that Arrangement Committee on Preaching be appointed. They were appointed as follows:

Elders S. L. Woodard, Elder Cutler Sauls, Deacon Thomas Hillard.

On motion that Arrangement Committee on Preaching retire and choose their speakers.

On motion that Arrangement Committee on Preaching make their report. They reported to open with Elder Earl Holt, follow by Brother Thomas Farmer and Elder William Braswell.

On motion that Finance Committee be appointed. Appointed were Deacon L. H. Harris, Deacon Thomas Hillard, Deacon Brutus Hooks.

On motion that list of churches be called and the messengers' names enrolled.

1. Piney Grove: Deacon Brutus Hooks and Brother Thomas Best.
2. Black Creek: Deacon L. H. Harris and Brother Debro Bunch.
3. Bellamy Chapel: Deacon Thomas Hillard.

4. Bellamy Grove: Deacon Julius Simmons.
5. Shady Grove: Deacon L. H. Harris and Deacon Brutus Hooks.
6. Sims Chapel: Deacon L. H. Coley and Brother Rommie Newsome.
7. Little Nahunta: Deacon Thomas Hillard and Brother Thomas Best.

On motion that Corresponding messengers make their report:

Little River received by letter. Next session held with Black River Grove Church near Coats, N. C., beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1962.

Sandy Ridge: Absent.

Loving: Elder Amos H. Humphrey came forward with a file of minutes, reporting peace and love. Next session held with Edna Chapel Church on highway 258, 5 miles east of Richlands, N. C., beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1962.

Long Branch: Absent.

Corresponding: Absent.

Radicue: Absent.

Union: Absent.

Coopers Grove: Absent.

Tar River: Absent.

Bethlehem: Elder William Braswell came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love. Next session held with Johnson's Chapel Church in Tarboro, N. C., beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1962.

On motion that the reports of the delegates be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

On motion that petitionary letters be called for. There were none.

On motion that the delegates retire and appoint a place for the next association. It pleased the minds of the delegates to send it to Bellamy Chapel Church in Sharpsburg, N. C., beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1962. Elder Robert Revis to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder S. L. Woodard to preach the alternate sermon.

On motion if there be no other business, conference adjourn until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow by using hymn 631 lined by Elder F. L. Coley. Dismissed by Elder Amos H. Humphrey.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled with the Moderator present. Used for opening hymn 533, lined by Elder F. L. Coley. Prayer was offered by Elder Joe W. Dickens.

Then the Moderator announced the conference open for business.

On motion that the roll be called. All present. On motion that the roll of Corresponding delegates be called.

Little River received by letter.

Loving: present.

Radicue: absent.

Union: absent.

Coopers Grove: absent.

Tar River: absent.

Bethlehem: absent.

Sandy Ridge: Elder Soldier Hairston came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love. Next session held in Roanoke, Va.,

Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1962.

Long Branch: Elder Joe W. Dickens came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love. Next session held with Long Branch Church in Speed, N. C., beginning Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1962.

Corresponding: Elder Sandy Brown came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love. Next session held with Jenkins Chapel Church in Parmelie, N. C., beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1962.

On motion that the report of the delegates be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

On motion that Friday evening session be read.

On motion that Friday evening session be received.

On motion that Arrangement Committee on Preaching make their report. They reported to open with Elder Lawrence Reid, followed by Brother Matthew Reid. Elder F. L. Coley and Elder William Braswell.

On motion that Circular Letter be read. On motion that Circular letter be received.

On motion that old Treasurer make a report. Reported $57.00.

On motion that the report of old Treasurer be received.

On motion that the Moderator and the Clerk supervise the printing and distribution of 500 copies of our minutes.

On motion that the Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum and Church Government be printed in the minutes.

The Moderator gave space for any one having any remarks. There were none.

On motion if there be no other business conference adjourn until after dinner by using hymn 506 lined by Elder Cutler Sauls.

Dismissed by Elder Cutler Sauls.

BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk
ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

The Association assembled with the Moderator present. Used for opening hymn 73, lined by Elder Savalia Worsley. Prayer was offered by Brother Debro Bunch. Then the Moderator announced the Conference open for business.

On motion that the roll be called. All present.

On motion that the roll of Corresponding delegates be called.

Little River received by letter.

Sandy Ridge: present.

Corresponding: present.

Loving: present.

Radicue: Elder Savalia Worsley came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love. Next session held with Glorious Hope Church, seven miles out of Rocky Mount, N. C., beginning Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1962.

Bethlehem: present.

Union: Brother Earnest Melton came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love. Next session held with Oaky Grove Church, east of Wilson, N. C., six miles out, highway 264, beginning Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1962.

Coopers Grove: Elder Cecil Alston came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love. Next session held with Moore's

Grove Church on highway 70 one mile east of Mebane, N. C., beginning Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1962.

Tar River: Elder Oscar Clemmons came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and love. Next session held with Coxes Chapel Church in Wintersville, N. C., beginning Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1962.

On motion that the report of the delegates be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

On motion that Arrangement Committee on Preaching make their report. They reported to open with Elder Lawrence Reid, follow by Brother Bennie Bryant, Brother Earnest Melton, Elder Soldier Hairston, Elder Joe W. Dickens.

On motion that the letters from the different churches be read.

They all reported peace and love.

On motion that the report of the Churches be received.

On motion that the minutes of Saturday morning session be read. On motion that the minutes of Saturday morning session be received.

On motion that Finance Committee make a report. They reported $560.00. On motion that the report of Finance Committee be received.

On motion that messengers be appointed to visit associations with whom we correspond.

Little River: Brother Rubie Howell.

Sandy Ridge: Elder Cutler Sauls.

Corresponding: Brother Matthew Reid.

Loving: Elder Robert Revis.

Radicue: Elder F. L. Coley.

Bethlehem: Elder Earl Holt.

Long Branch: Elder S. L. Woodard.

Union: Elder Lawrence Reid.

Coopers Grove: Elder F. L. Coley.

Tar River: Brother Bennie Bryant.

On motion that we pay our Clerk $12.00 for his service.

On motion that the Association assessment remain the same: $10.00 for male members, $5.00 for female members.

On motion that we pay our text recorder $8.00 for his service.

On motion that we pay our Moderator $20.00 for his service.

On motion that the Association pay off her expenses. On motion that all the churches that have not paid all their assessment be taken under consideration.

On motion that the minutes of Saturday evening session be read.

On motion that the minutes of Saturday evening session be received.

On motion if there be no other business, conference adjourn until Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1962.

The Moderator gave space for any one having any remarks.

They were: Elder F. L. Coley, Elder William Braswell, Deacon L. H. Harris, Elder Cutler Sauls, Elder Savalia Worsley, Elder Cecil Alston, Elder Oscar Clemmons, Elder Amos H. Humphrey, Deacon Thomas Hillard.

Used for closing hymn 631, lined by Elder Cutler Sauls. Dismissed by the supervision of the Moderator.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

FRIDAY EVENING AT THE STAND

Elder Earl Holt opened by using hymn 288. Prayer was offered by Elder Earl Holt. Then Brother Thomas Farmer arose and preached using for a text St. John 15:1. Then Elder Earl Holt sang hymn 631 for closing. Donation, $6.00.

Dismissed by Elder Cutler Sauls.

SATURDAY MORNING AT THE STAND

Elder Lawrence Reid sang hymn 128 for opening. Prayer was offered by Elder Lawrence Reid. Then Brother Matthew Reid arose and sang hymn 200 and preached wonderfully; no special text. Then Elder F. L. Coley sang hymn 189 and preached, using for a text St. Matthew 5:4. Then Elder William Braswell arose and sang hymn 3 and preached using for his text St. John 15:1. Then Elder Willie Williams arose and sang hymn 353; his text St. John 15:1. Then Elder Savalia Worsley sang hymn 288 and preached from Revelation. Then Elder Sandy Brown arose and preached, text St. John 1. Then Elder Lawrence Reid arose and sang hymn 631 for closing. Donation, $25.50. Dismissed by Elder Lawrence Reid.

SATURDAY EVENING AT THE STAND

Used for opening hymn 400 lined by Elder Lawrence Reid. Prayer was offered by Elder Lawrence Reid. Then Brother Bennie Bryant arose and sang hymn 397 and preached his text, St. John 1:1. Then Brother Ernest Melton sang hymn 364 and used for a text St. John 1:1. Then Elder Soldier Hairston arose and preached using for a text Gen. 3:3. Then Elder Joe W. Dickens arose and preached his text St. John 15:1. Used for closing hymn 689, lined by Elder Lawrence Reid. Donation $11.45. Dismissed by Elder F. L. Coley.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE STAND

Elder Cutler Sauls sang hymn 356 for opening. Prayer was offered by Brother Jessie Woodard. Then Elder Earl Holt sang hymn 288 and preached wonderfully. Elder Gold Pollock sang hymn 364 and preached wonderfully, no special text. Elder Oscar Clemmons sang hymn 270 and preached, text St. John 1:1. Elder Cecil Alston arose and sang hymn 433. He used for a text John 1:1. Elder Amos H. Humphrey sang hymn 188 and preached, using for his text John 1:1.

Used for closing hymn 689, lined by Elder Savalia Worsley. Donation $10.20. Dismissed by Elder F. L. Coley.

SUNDAY MORNING AT THE STAND

Used for opening hymn 188 lined by Elder Cutler Sauls.

Prayer was offered by Deacon Vertis Richardson. Then Brother Ernest Melton arose and sang hymn 185 and preached from Rev. Elder Oscar Clemmons arose and sang hymn 229 and preached his text, Rev. 1:4. Elder William Braswell arose and sang 141 and preached from Rev.. Elder Savalia Worsley sang hymn 353 and preached wonderfully, no special text. Elder Joe W. Dickens arose and preached wonderfully from Revelation. Elder Soldier Hairston sang hymn 355 and preached, no special text. Elder Sandy Brown sang hymn 415, text Gen. 1:4. Elder Amos H. Humphrey sang hymn 3 and preached from St. John 3:1. Then Elder Robert Revis arose and gave brief remarks. Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn 120 and used for a text Isa. 53. Elder G. C. Payton arose and preached. Text St. Luke 8:23. Used for closing hymn 614, lined by Elder S. L. Woodard. Donation $83.00. Dismissed by Elder F. L. Coley.

NAMES OF VISITING ELDERS

Elder David Bullock
Elder Cleotha Barnes
Elder Willie Bullock
Elder Willie Connie
Elder Jimmie Wooten
Elder Johnnie B. Pitt
Elder Raymond Roundtree
Elder Jethro Dickerson
Elder Willie Ellis
Elder J. J. Adams
Elder G. C. Payton

To the ministering brethren: If we failed to enroll your name, it was beyond our control. We are sorry if we overlooked you. We want you all to come to see us as often as you can. We feel that we cannot get along without you. Dear brethren, let us live together in one accord in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

In the year of our Lord 1961. Dear brethren,—We are thankful that the Lord has blessed us to meet again. We trust that this glorious correspondence may forever remain and grow stronger and stronger.

Dear Brethren, we desire to be led by the Spirit of God, for as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God.

This done by order Association Conference, 1961.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS' NAMES

Little River received by letter.
Loving: Elder Amos H. Humphrey.
Bethlehem: Elder William Braswell.
Sandy Ridge: Elder Soldier Hairston.
Long Branch: Elder Joe W. Dickens.
Corresponding: Elder Sandy Brown.
Radicue: Elder Savalia Worsley.
Coopers Grove: Elder Cecil Alston.
Tar River: Elder Oscar Clemmons.
Union: Brother Earnest Melton.

OBITUARIES

In remembrance of our former Moderator, Elder W. M. K. Taylor. Departed this life May 16, 1950 at the age of 78 years.

We believe that we have lost a good Moderator who was a good shepherd that went in and out before us. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. Sleep on Elder Taylor and take your rest. We loved you, but God loved you best.

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Sister Serela Ford departed this life April 22, 1961 after a lingering illness. She bore her sickness quietly until death. Sister Ford was a member of Black Creek Church for a number of years. She was a faithful members and served her church and Master with all her heart.

We all loved her, but God loved her best. Sleep on sister, and take your rest. We all hope to meet you in that great beyond where every day will be Sunday and parting never end.

ORDAINED ELDERS OF THE CONTENTNEA ASSOCIATION AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Robert Revis, Rt. 3, Box 67A, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Jonah Bunch, Selma, N. C.
Elder S. L. Woodard, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder F. L. Coley, Rt. 2, Box 215, Fremont, N. C.
Elder Lawrence Reid, 623A Manchester St., Wilson, N. C. Phone: 6812
Elder Cutler Sauls, Rt. 3, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Earl Holt, Route 1, Bethel, N. C.

CONTENTNEA LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Debro Bunch, Wilson P.O., Wilson, N. C.
Brother Bennie Bryant, Rt. 4, Box 105, Rocky Mt., N. C.
Brother Mack Bunch, 1446 Colorado St., House 7, 9121 Philadelphia, Penna.
Brother Matthew Reid, Rt. 1, Fremont, N. C.
Brother Rubie Howell, Kenly, N. C.

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder F. L. Coley, Rt. 2, Box 215, Fremont, N. C.
Brother Thomas Best, Rt. 2, Box 2, Princeton, N. C.
Deacon Julius Simmons, Wilson, N. C.; Ph. 237-1240
Sister Ada Parker, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Brother Rubie Howell, Kenly, N. C.
Brother James E. Cooper, Rt. 1, Box 147B, Lucama, N. C.

CONTENTNEA DEACONS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Deacon L. H. Harris, 1202, Waynewright Ave., Wilson, N. C.
Deacon Thomas Hillard, Elm City, N. C.
Deacon Julius Simmons, Wilson, N. C.
Deacon Brutus Hooks, Rt. 1, Smithfield, N. C.
Deacon L. H. Coley, P. O. Box 2071; 911 Hadly St. Wilson, N. C. Phone: 7-0703

ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENT

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association, who shall be members supposed to be the best qualified for that purpose, and those producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats in the Association provided the church is in peace at the time the appointment is made.

2. In these letters presented by said members shall be recorded the number of members in full fellowship, how many received, how many dismissed or excluded, and those who died since last Association convened.

3. Members thus chosen and convened shall denominate the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be of the body chosen by the members that compose the Association; they shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

6. The names of the members that constitute the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may require.

7. In case a new church desires to be admitted to this union, they shall petition by letter and legal representatives and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator extending to the messenger the right hand of fellowship.

8. It shall not be the duty of the Moderator to vote in the Association, but in the case of a division in the Association the Moderator shall appoint a committee to investigate and shall execute his own judgment according to the report of the committee as to who is in order or disorder.

9. If any minister is not found adhering to the orthodox doctrines and principles that demonstrate the original Primitive Baptist cause, the messengers that constitute the Association shall be authorized by the Moderator to investigate this matter at any time available.

10. Visiting brethren may be invited to assist in the Association in every way except to vote.

11. If any church of this Association shall become grievous, failing to report, it shall be under the immediate censure of the Association.

12. The Association shall furnish the churches of the union with Minutes of the proceedings.

13. Clerk shall have a book in which shall be recorded the proceedings of each Association and when and where the Association will be held at the different churches in the union.

14. We believe it to be absolutely necessary to have a fund for defraying expenses of the Association and recommend that each church composing it, voluntarily contribute such sum as they think proper and send it by the messenger to the Association, which money shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall account for the same and pay it out as directed by the Association.

15. Every query presented by any messenger in the Association shall be read and before it shall be debated, the Moderator shall put it to a vote as to whether it shall be debated, otherwise the query must be withdrawn.

16. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.

17. The Association shall provide a general union among the churches, shall preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the same, shall give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty, shall have power to withdraw from any church composing the union which violates the rules of the Association, or deviates from the orthodox principles by a majority vote.

On motion agreed that no elder or deacon shall have the power to carry any of Contentnea property to any other circuit or Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is one true and living God.
2. We believe in His divinity and God-head.
3. We believe that there are three distinct persons composing His characters, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.
4. We believe that He is a God of purpose and that all His purposes are carried into effect by Him.
5. We believe in His foreknowledge of all things.
6. We believe that the soul of man is saved by the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, unmerited by anything that man can do, but is alone the gift of God to man, freely bestowed on him by God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
7. We believe that the secret faith is made known by revelation, being revealed to man by Almighty God.
8. We believe in experience of grace.
9. We believe in baptism by immersion.
10. We believe that the happiness of the saints is eternal and the punishment of the wicked is everlasting.
11. We believe in the everlasting covenant entered into between the Father and Son.
12. We believe in the atonement made by Jesus for all the elect of God that were given to Jesus Christ before the world was.
13. We believe in the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet.
14. We believe in the perseverance of the saints.
15. We believe it is impossible for them to fall away.
16. We believe in the resurrection of the dead.
17. We believe in Judgment Day, and that the Judge of the whole earth will do right.
18. We believe that the Holy Bible is the word of God, and is a sufficient guide for all believers through time.

RULES OF MINISTERS

1. He shall bring his gift before conference and stand upon the floor and have Exhorting License and when he improves his license, then give him Minister's License. He is not to baptize any member until he is ordained.
2. That we recommend to the church composing the same that no one is ordained to the Ministry of the Word, unless some church requests his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member would be willing to have him as her pastor and that if she has none she actually chooses him as such.
3. If any minister violates these rules he must be tried before the church with Elders and Decorum.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. We agree to hold conference four times a year and as often as we see fit.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be appointed.
3. Conference shall be opened by praise and prayer.
4. The door of the church shall be opened for reception of members to fellowship.
5. The state and standing of the church shall be inquired into.
6. No member shall leave the conference without permission of the Moderator.
7. The minority shall submit to the majority in all cases except receiving members to fellowship and to office; this shall be unanimous.
8. Any business brought up in the church shall be read three times before acted upon.
9. We agree that if any member shall violate these rules, such member shall be dealt with according to gospel order.
10. We agree to commune four times a year when all is well.
11. We agree to wash feet once a year at each church.
12. No member shall have any right to contract any business of the church without the liberty of the church to do so.
13. If any member of the church become dissatisfied with the rules of the church they shall be excluded from fellowship until they can give satisfaction and then be restored.
14. Be it resolved that we will withdraw fellowship from any member that will not pay his or her honest debt, if they are able to work.
15. If any member shall wilfully absent himself or herself from communion, he or she shall make their reasons known to the church.
16. If any member violates any of these rules they shall be brought to trial. They must be first tried by their own church.
17. If any member sees another transgress the rules of the church and does not report it to the church after complying with Matthew 18, they are liable to be tried before the church themselves.
18. If any minister, deacon, or clerk transgress these rules, the church shall have power to call help from other churches to aid in settling it.
19. We agree to not commune with any person unless they are baptised in our faith and order.
20. We agree to commune with Predestinarian Baptists who are in good standing.
21. No exhorting minister shall be admitted to the stand only by preaching his trial sermon, only in a Union or an Association.
22. We agree male members pay $10.00, female members pay $5.00 Association fees in 1962.
23. No ordination shall be done unless it is in a Union or an Association.
24. No traffic or trade shall be nearer than 150 yards of the church ground.
25. No minister, or member shall have a right to carry any of Contentnea Association property to any other Association.
26. This done by order of the Association conference.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES	PASTORS	MESSENGERS	Com. Month	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd. by Baptism	Rec'd. by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Black Creek, Wilson	Elder Robert Revis	Dea. L. H. Harris, Bro. D. Bunch ..	Feb.	1	1	....	....	....	....	1	28	$175.00
Bellamy Chapel, Wilson	Elder S. L. Woodard ..	Dea. Thomas Hillard	Mar.	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	24	130.00
Bellamy Grove, Johnson	Elder Jonah Bunch	Dea. Juluis Simmons	Mar.	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	25.00
Shady Grove, Wayne ..	Elder Robert Revis	Deas. L. H. Harris, Brutus Hooks ..	Feb.	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	40	245.00
Piney Grove, Wayne	Elder Lawrence Reid	Dea. Brutus Hooks, Bro. T. Best ..	Feb.	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	10.00
Sims Chapel, Johnson ..	Elder Jonah Bunch	Dea. L. H. Coley, Bro. R. Newsome	Mar.	3	....	....	1	....	....	....	4	25.00
Little Nahunta, Wayne	Elder Cutler Sauls	Dea. T. Hillard, Bro. Thomas Best.	Mar.	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	3	15.00

Total Contribution	$625.00
Public collection	148.20
Total in Treasury	876.40
Total expense	290.65
Total Balance	$437.55

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OF THE

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OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Piney Grove Church

AT NORWAYNE SCHOOL

FREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA

FRIDAY BEFORE THE FOURTH SUNDAY

IN OCTOBER

1966

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Proceedings

OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH PINEY GROVE CHURCH AT NORWAYNE SCHOOL, FREMONT, N. C. SERVICE AT LITTLE NAHUNTA CHURCH ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1966.

Service began at 11:15 o'clock. Opened with hymn 380, lined by Elder Robert Revis. Prayer was offered by Elder Jimmie Wooten. Then Elder Robert Revis arose, sang hymn 393, used for text St. Matthew 7:13 and preached the introductory sermon. Then Elder Lawrence Reid arose, sang hymn 128, used for his text Isa. 63: 1, 2.

Elder Robert arose, sang hymn 88 for closing of Friday morning service. Dismissed by the order of the Moderator for one hour for dinner.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The association assembled with the Moderator present. Used hymn 76 for opening of the conference. Prayer was offered by Deacon Brutus Hooks. Then the Moderator announced in order for business.

On motion the delegates retire and choose their Moderator and other officers. They chose Elder Robert Revis for their Moderator, Elder F. L. Coley, Clerk, Brother L. H. Coley, Treasurer, Brother Hermon Bowden, the text recorder from day to day.

Elder Lawrence Reid, Elder F. L. Coley, Elder Cutler Sauls, Brother L. H. Coley were chosen Building Committee. Elder S. L. Woodard, Chairman of the Building Committee.

On motion the report of the delegates be received.

On motion a portion of scripture be read for our lesson. It pleased the mind of the Moderator to read a portion of the 18th chapter of St. Matthew. He read from the 1st verse through the 21st.

On motion the delegates and brethren be invited to sit with us and take a part in the conference and feel themselves at home.

On motion the list of the chuches be called and the messengers names enrolled.

Piney Grove: Deacon Brutus Hooks, Brother L. H. Coley.

Black Creek: Brother L. H. Coley.

Bellamy Chapel: Elder S. L. Woodard, Brother Bennie Bryant.

Bellamy Grove: Elder Cutler Sauls, Brother L. H. Coley.

Shady Grove: Deacon Brutus Hooks, Brother L. H. Coley.

Sims Chapel: Brother Rommie Newsom, Brother L. H. Coley.

Little Nahunta: Elder Cutler Sauls, Brother L. H. Coley.

On motion corresponding delegates make their report.

Little River: bsent.

Corresponding: Absent.

Tar River: Absent.

Sandy Ridge: Absent.

Union: Brother James Fench came forward reporting peace. Next session with the Little St. John Church in Stantonsburg, N. C., beginning Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1967.

Radicue: Elder Henry Cooper reporting peace with a file of minutes. Next session with the Hoppers Mill Run. Get Hwy. 44 out of Tarboro, N. C. about 4 miles east of Tarboro, N. C., beginning Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1967.

Bethlehem: Absent.

Long Branch: Absent.

Piedmont: Absent.

Loving: Elder Gold Pollard. Came forward reporting peace with a file of minutes. Next session with the Edna Chapel Church, 5 miles south of Richland, N. C. on Hwy. 258, 9 miles west of Jacksonville, N. C.

On motion the delegates be received by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

On motion the Arrangement Committee on Preaching be appointed. They were appointed as follows: Elder Lawrence Reid, Elder Cutler Sauls, Brother Debro Bunch.

On motion Finance Committee be appointed. They were as follows: Elder Lawrence Reid, Elder F. L. Coley, Deacon Brutus Hooks.

On motion the Arrangement Committee on preaching make their report. They reported as follows: Elder Earl Holt, open. Brother James Fench preach, Elder Gold Pollard follow, Eld. Jimmie Woodard.

On motion petitionary letters be called for. There were none.

On motion delegates retire and appoint a place for the next association to go. It pleased them to send it to Black Creek, Black Creek, N. C., beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1967. Elder Robert Revis preach the introductory sermon. Elder Earl Holt the alternate sermon.

On motion if there be no other business, conference close until Saturday morning. Sang hymn No. 631, lined by the Moderator. Benediction by Elder David Bullock.

Elder Robert Revis, Moderator
Elder F. L. Coley, Clerk
Brother L. H. Coley, Treasurer

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled with the Moderator present. Sang hymn 73, lined by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Deacon Russell Harris. Then the Moderator announced the conference open for business.

On motion the roll of Contentnea churches be called. All present except 2, Black Creek and Bellamy Grove.

On motion corresponding association be called.

Union: Absent.

Little River: Reported later.

Bethlehem: Reported later.

Corresponding: Elder Jessie Outerbridge came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace. Next session Everetts, N. C., beginning Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1967.

Radicue: Absent.

Long Branch: Reported later.

Tar River: Elder G. C. Peyton came forward reporting peace with a file of minutes. Next session in Winterville, N. C., Hwy. 11, eleven miles south of Greenville, N. C., beginning Friday before third Sunday in October, 1967.

Sandy Ridge: Elder Jessie Tucker came forward reporting peace

with a file of minutes. Next session with the Black Jack Church in Va. Go to Winston. Get Hwy. 8 to Stuart, Va. Beginning Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1967.

Coopers Grove: Elder Cecil Alston came forward reporting peace with a file of minutes. Next session near Cheeks Crossing, Saturday before third Sunday in October, 1967.

Piedmont: Elder T. E. Claytor came forward reporting peace with a file of minutes. Next session out of Rocky Mount, Va., Hwy. 40, nine miles south, beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1967.

Loving: Present.

On motion Friday evening session be read.

On motion Friday evening session be received.

On motion Arrangment Committee on preaching make their report. They reported to send Brother Bennie Bryant to open. Brother Mack Bunch to preach. Elder Jessie Outerbridge follow.

On motion the Circular Letter be read. On motion the Circular Letter be received.

Little River: Deacon Osborne Fowler came forward reporting peace. Next session with the Shiloh Church. Service will be held in Smithfield, N. C. at the Mt. Moriah Church, begining Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1967.

Bethlehem: Elder Charlie McBullock came forward reporting peace with a file of minutes. Next session at Old Spotty, Hwy. 43 out of Pinetop, N. C., 5 miles west.

Long Branch: Elder John Charles came forward reporting peace with a file of minutes. Next session in Speed, N. C., Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1967. All delegates were received by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship and making them welcome.

On motion the old Treasurer make his report. He reported $403.95.

On motion the report of the old Treasurer be received.

On motion the Moderator and Clerk supervise the printing and distributing of 500 copies of the minutes. We agreed to have forms of the Association letters printed in our minutes. On motion the Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum and Church Government be printed in the minutes.

On motion conference close until after dinner. Space was given for remarks. They came as follows: Elder T. E. Clayter, Elder John Charles and Elder F. L. Coley. Sang for closing hymn 505 lined by Deacon Russell Harris. Benediction by Elder Cutler Sauls.

Elder Robert Revis, Moderator
Elder F. L. Coley, Clerk
Brother L. H. Coley, Treasurer

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

The Association assembled with the Moderator present. Sang hymn 533 for opening. Lined by Elder Charlie McBullock. Prayer was offered by Elder Cutler Sauls. Then the Moderator announced conference open for business.

On motion roll of Contentnea Churches be called. All present..

On motion, corresponding be called. All present except 2, Radicue and Tar River.

On motion the Arrangement Committee on preaching make their report. They reported as follows. Elder Cutler Sauls open, Elder W. M. Hairston preach, Elder Jesssie Tucker and Elder T. E. Claytor.

On motion letters from the different churches be read. See Statistical Table. They all reported peace and were received.

On motion Saturday morning session be read.

On motion Saturday morning session be received.

On motion Finance Committee make their report. They reported $430.00. On motion the report be received.

On motion delegates be appointed to visit associations with whom we correspond.

Sandy Ridge: Brother Bennie Bryant.
Piedmont: Elder Earl Holt.
Coopers Grove: Brother L. H. Coley.
Tar River: Elder Lawrence Reid.
Long Branch: Brother Debro Bunch.
Corresponding: Brother Bennie Bryant.
Bethlehem: Brother Debro Bunch.
Radicue: Elder Cutler Sauls.
Loving: Brother Matthew Reid.
Union: Elder F. L. Coley.
Little River: Brother Matthew Reid.

On motion we pay our Clerk $15.00 for his service.

On motion the Association assessment remain the same: $10.00 for male members, $5.00 for female.

On motion we pay our text writer $8.00 for his service.

It was agreed to give our Moderator $20.00 for his service.

On motion Saturday evening session be read.

On motion Saturday evening session be received.

On motion the Association pay off her expenses.

The Moderator gave space for the delegates and brethren to speak encouraging words if they so desire. They came as follows: Deacon Russell Harris, Elder Charlie McBullock and Elder John Charles. They spoke many words. They seemed to be filled with the Spirit of the Holy One.

On motion conference close until Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1967 if there be no other business. Sang for the closing of the conference, hymn 440 lined by Elder Charlie McBullock. Benediction by Brother Debro Bunch.

Elder Robert Revis, Moderator
Elder F. L. Coley, Clerk
Brother L. H. Coley, Treasurer

SATURDAY MORNING AT THE STAND

Opened by Brother Bennie Bryant. Sang hymn 533. Prayer was offered by Brother Bryant. Then Brother Mack Bunch arose, sang hymn 474 and preached wonderfully. Then Elder Jessie Outerbridge arose, sang hymn 389, used for his text St. John 1:1. Then Brother Bennie Bryant arose and preached wonderfully. Then Elder Uriah Parker arose, sang hymn 76 and preached wonderfully. Then Elder Charlie McBullock sang 145 and preached wonderfully. Then Elder Cecil Alston sang hymn 3, and preached wonderfully. Then Elder F. L. Coley sang hymn 570 for closing until after dinner. Benediction by Elder F. L. Coley. Donation $35.15.

SATURDAY EVENING AT THE STAND

Opened by singing hymn 400 lined by Elder T. E. Claytor. Prayer was offered by Deacon Virtus Richardson. Then Elder W. M. Hairston arose, omitted singing, used for his text, St. Matthew 20:6.

Then Elder Jessie Tucker arose, sang hymn No. 3, used for his text St. John 15 and preached wonderfully. Used 695 for closing, lined by Elder J. J. Adams. Benediction by Elder Daniel Staton.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE STAND

Service was opened with hymn 570, lined by Deacon Elijah Pate. Prayer was offered by Deacon Pate. Elder F. L. Coley arose and read for Scripture lesson St. Matthew 7:1-3. Elder Cutler Sauls then offered Elder Earl Holt to preach. He sang hymn 364 and preached wonderfully, followed by Elder Alexander Darden. Sang hymn 593. Used for his text St. Matthew 3:3. Then Elder David Bullock arose, sang hymn 288, used for his text St. Matthew 7:13. Then Elder T. E. Claytor arose and omitted singing, used for his text Galatians 3:6-9. Then Elder J. J. Adams arose, sang hymn 200 and preached wonderfully. Elder F. L. Coley came forward, sang for closing hymn 615. Benediction by Elder F. L. Coley. Donation $35.25. It was a gift towards the expense on Little Nahunta Church on her expenses.

SUNDAY MORNING AT THE STAND

Elder F. L. Coley opened with singing hymn 198. Prayer was offered by Deacon Russell Harris. Then Elder Raymon Roundtree read St. John 1:1-3 for Scripture lesson. Then Elder Gold Pollard arose, sang hymn 355 and preached wonderfully. Then Elder Henry Cooper arose, sang hymn 38. Used for his text St. John 15. Then Elder Sandy Brown arose, sang hymn 3 and preached wonderfully. Then Elder Charlie McBullock arose, sang hymn 270 and preached wonderfully. Then Elder G. C. Peyton arose, sang hymn 689, used for his text Acts 9. Then Elder Arthur Dillard arose, sang hymn 530, used for his text St. Matthew 3:9. Then Elder Cecil Alston arose and preached wonderfully. Then Elder P. L. Hill arose, sang hymn 689 and preached wonderfully. Then Elder T. E. Claytor arose, sang hymn 284 and preached wonderfully. Then Elder Daniel Staton arose sang hymn 617, used for his text Jer. 6:16. Then Elder Lawrence Bethea arose, used for his text St. John 15:1. Then Elder J. J. Adams arose, sang hymn 200 and preached wonderfully. Then Elder Amos Humphrey arose, sang hymn 3, used for his text St. John 3:3. Sang hymn 397 for closing, lined by Elder P. L. Hill. Benediction by Elder John Pitt. Donation, $125.41.

Elder Robert Revis, Moderator
Elder F. L. Coley, Clerk
Brother L. H. Coley, Treasurer

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS' NAMES

Corresponding: Elder Jessie Outerbridge
Long Branch: Elder John Charles
Tar River: Elder G. C. Payton
Sandy Ridge: Elder Jessie Tucker
Coopers Grove: Elder Cecil Alston
Radicue: Elder Henry Cooper
Bethlehem: Elder Charlie McBullock
Union: Brother James Fench
Loving: Elder Gold Pollard
Little River: Deacon Osborn Fowler
Piedmont: Elder T. E. Claytor

CORRESPONDING MINISTERS WHO VISITED OUR ASSOCIATION

Elder Uriah Parker
Elder Amos Humphery
Elder Willie Bullock
Elder W. M. Hairston
Elder J. J. Adams
Elduer Alexander Darden
Elder David Bullock
Elder Jethro Dickerson
Elder P. L. Hill
Elder John Pitt
Elder Daniel Staton
Elder Earnest Melton
Elder Earnest Farmer
Elder Jimmie Wooder
Elder Sandy Brown
Elder J. H. Woodard
Elder Will Ellis
Elder Raymon Roundtree
Elder Fred Dillie
Elder S. A. Short
Elder Herbert Sherly
Elder William Braswell
Elder Jack Moore
Elder Arthur Dillie

To you dear ministering brethren: If we failed to enroll your name, we love you still the same. It was beyond our control is why we don't have you enrolled. We want you to feel we love you still the same.

Come to see us as often as you can, for without this glorious correspondence we would be put to loss. So let us live together in one accord, as it is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Elder Robert Revis, Moderator
Elder F. L. Coley, Clerk
Brother L. H. Coley, Treasurer

CIRCULAR LETTER

In the year of our Lord 1966. Dear Brethren, we are thankful that the Lord has blessed us to meet again in another association. We do trust this glorious correspondence may forever remain and grow stronger in the Lord. Dear brethren, we desire to be led by the Spirit of God, for as many as are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God.

This done by the order of conference, 1966.

Elder Robert Revis, Moderator
Elder F. L. Coley, Clerk
Brother L. H. Coley, Treasurer

OBITUARIES

In remembrance of our former Moderator, Elder W. M. K. Taylor, who departed this life May 16, 1950 at the age of 78 years. We believe we lost a good Shepherd that went in and out among us. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. Sleep on, Elder Taylor, and take your rest. We love you, but God loves you best.

BELLAMY CHAPEL CHURCH

Sister Annie Woodard departed this life Nov. 19, 1965. She was a devoted member of Bellamy Chapel Church for many years. She served fully and faithfully as long as she was able. We love her. We do trust our loss is heaven's gain.

Sister Hattie Joyner departed this life June 23, 1966. She was one of the members of Bellamy Chapel Church. She was a faithful sister and filled her seat in the church as long as she was able. We loved her and will miss her but we feel God loves hes best.

Deacon Thomas Hillard departed this life August 24, 1966. He was a faithful brother and at Bellamy Chapel where he was a member and deacon: also served as deacon at Black Creek Church near Black Creek and Little Nahunta in Fremont. He was strong in the faith, faithful in his duties as long as he was able. He is called from labor to reward, we trust in the Lord. Sleep on, Deacon Hillard. Take your rest. We love you but God loves you best.

SHADY GROVE CHURCH

Sister Annie Mae Hooks departed this life Dec. 17, 1965. She was a loving sister to all and in every way she did perform the best she could in all her duties. She was loved by all, always showing love toward her church. She is gone but not forgotten. Her kindness will be remembered for a long time. We love her. God loves her best.

Brother Alston Wylder departed this life May 30, 1966. He was a very very loving brother, always with tears of joy showing that love that was once delivered to the saints. Sleep on, you won't have to cry any more. We believe your tears are turned into joy. We love you; God loves you best.

BLACK CREEK CHURCH

Sister Nancy Ward departed this life Jan. 28, 1966. She was a faithful member at Black Creek Church as long as she was able. We do feel our loss is heaven's gain. Sleep on and take your rest. We love you but God loves you best.

Bro. Floyd Edmondson departed this life Aug. 25, 1966. He was a member a good while, age 74; he lived a good distance from the church but would be there when he could. We love him but God loves him best.

SIMS CHAPEL CHURCH

Sister Viola Simms departed this life May 6, 1966. She was a faithful sister of the church. She served the part of a mother for a long time. She always tried to make it pleasant for her brethren and sisters and friends. She was loved by all. The church will miss Sister

Simms. We know God is too wise to make a mistake. Sleep on and take your rest. We love you but God loves you best.

ORDAINED ELDERS OF THE CONTENTNEA ASSOCIATION AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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Brother Hermon Bowden, RFD, Lucama, N. C.; Ph. 239-5031

CONTENTNEA DEACON AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENT

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association, who shall be members supposed to be the best qualified for that purpose, and those producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats in the Association provided the church is in peace at the time the appointment is made.

2. In these letters presented by said members shall be recorded the number of members in full fellowship, how many received, how many dismissed or excluded, and those who died since last Association convened.

3. Members thus chosen and convened shall denominate the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be of the body chosen by the members that compose the Association; they shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

6. The names of the members that constitute the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may require.

7. In case a new church desires to be admitted to this union, they shall petition by letter and legal representatives and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator extending to the messenger the right hand of fellowship.

8. It shall not be the duty of the Moderator to vote in the Association, but in the case of a division in the Association the Moderator

shall appoint a committee to investigate and shall execute his own judgment according to the report of the committee as to who is in order or disorder.

and principles that demonstrate the original Primitive Baptist cause, the messengers that constitute the Association shall be authorized

9. If any minister is not found adhering to the orthodox doctrines by the Moderator to investigate this matter at any time available.

10. Visiting brethren may be invited to assist in the Association in every way except to vote.

11. If any church of this Association shall become grievous, failing to report, it shall be under the immediate censure of the Association.

12. The Association shall furnish the churches of the union with Minutes of the proceedings.

13. Clerk shall have a book in which shall be recorded the proceedings of each Association and when and where the Association will be held at the different churches in the union.

14. We believe it to be absolutely necessary to have a fund for defraying expenses of the Association and recommend that each church composing it, voluntarily contribute such sum as they think proper and send it by the messenger to the Association, which money shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall account for the same and pay it out as directed by the Association.

15. Every query presented by any messenger in the Association shall be read and before it shall be debated, the Moderator shall put it to a vote as to whether it shall be debated, otherwise the query must be withdrawn.

16. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.

17. The Association shall provide a general union among the churches, shall preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the same, shall give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty, shall have power to withdraw from any church composing the union which violates the rules of the Association, or deviates from the orthodox principles by a majority vote.

On motion agreed that no elder or deacon shall have the power to carry any of Contentnea property to any other circuit or Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is one true and living God.

2. We believe in His divinity and God-head.

3. We believe that there are three distinct persons composing His characters, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

4. We believe that He is a God of purpose and that all His purposes are carried into effect by Him.

5. We believe in His foreknowledge of all things.

6. We believe that the soul of man is saved by the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, unmerited by anything that man can do, but is alone the gift of God to man, freely bestowed on him by God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that the secret faith is made known by revelation, being revealed to man by Almighty God.

8. We believe in experience of grace.

9. We believe in baptism by immersion.

10. We believe that the happiness of the saints is eternal and the punishment of the wicked is everlasting.

11. We believe in the everlasting covenant entered into between the Father and Son.

12. We believe in the atonement made by Jesus for all the elect of God that were given to Jesus Christ before the world was.
13. We believe in the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet.
14. We believe in the perseverance of the saints.
15. We believe it is impossible for them to fall away.
16. We believe in the resurrection of the dead.
17. We believe in Judgment Day, and that the Judge of the whole earth will do right.
18. We believe that the Holy Bible is the word of God, and is a sufficient guide for all believers through time.

RULES OF MINISTERS

1. He shall bring his gift before conference and stand upon the floor and have Exhorting License and when he improves his license, then give him Minister's License. He is not to baptize any member until he is ordained.
2. That we recommend to the church composing the same that no one is ordained to the Ministry of the Word, unless some church requests his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member would be willing to have him as her pastor and that if she has none she actually chooses him as such.
3. If any minister violates these rules he must be tried before the church with Elders and Decorum.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. We agree to hold conference four times a year and as often as we see fit.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be appointed.
3. Conference shall be opened by praise and prayer.
4. The door of the church shall be opened for reception of members to fellowship.
5. The state and standing of the church shall be inquired into.
6. No member shall leave the conference without permission of the Moderator.
7. The minority shall submit to the majority in all cases except receiving members to fellowship and to office; this shall be unanimous.
8. Any business brought up in the church shall be read three times before acted upon.
9. We agree that if any member shall violate these rules, such member shall be dealt with according to gospel order.
10. We agree to commune four times a year when all is well.
11. We agree to wash feet once a year at each church.
12. No member shall have any right to contract any business of the church without the liberty of the church to do so.
13. If any member of the church become dissatisfied with the rules of the church they shall be excluded from fellowship until they can give satisfaction and then be restored.
14. Be it resolved that we will withdraw fellowship from any member that will not pay his or her honest debt, if they are able to work.
15. If any member shall wilfully absent himself or herself from communion, he or she shall make their reasons known to the church.
16. If any member violates any of these rules they shall be brought to trial. They must be first tried by their own church.
17. If any member sees another transgress the rules of the church and does not report it to the church after complying with Matthew 18, they are liable to be tried before the church themselves.

18. If any minister, deacon, or clerk transgress these rules, the church shall have power to call help from other churches to aid in settling it.

19. We agree to not commune with any person unless they are baptised in our faith and order.

20. We agree to commune with Predestinarian Baptists who are in good standing.

21. No exhorting minister shall be admitted to the stand only by preaching his trial sermon, only in a Union or an Association.

22. We agree male members pay $10.00, female members pay $5.00 Association fees.

23. No ordination shall be done unless it is in a Union or an Association.

24. No traffic or trade shall be nearer than 150 yards of the church ground.

25. No minister, or member shall have a right to carry any of Contentnea Association property to any other Association.

26. This done by order of the Association conference.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
BROTHER THOMAS BEST, Clerk

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES	PASTORS	MESSENGERS	Annual or Com.	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
Black Creek, Wilson	Elder Robert Revis	Bro. L. H. Coley	Feb.	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	21	$70.00
Bellamy Chapel, Wilson	In hands of Moderator	Eld. S. L. Woodard, Bro. B. Bryant	Mar.	4	....	....	....	....	....	3	18	100.00
Bellamy Grove, Johnson	Elder Cutler Sauls	Eld. Cutler Sauls, Bro. L. H. Coley	Mar.	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	
Shady Grove, Wayne	Elder Robert Revis	Dea. Brutus Hooks, Bro. L. H. Coley	Feb.	2	....	....	....	....	....	2	38	190.00
Piney Grove, Wayne	Elder Lawrence Reid	Dea. Brutus Hooks, Bro. L. H. Coley	Feb.	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	10.00
Sims Chapel, Johnson	Elder Cutler Sauls	Bros. L. H. Coley, Ronnie Newsome	Mar.	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	2	15.00
Little Nahunta, Wayne	Elder Cutler Sauls	Eld. Cutler Sauls, Bro. L. H. Coley	Mar.	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	15.00
		Totals								8	87	400.00

Total contributions from churches	$400.00
Total public contributions	$173.60
Total contributions in all	$573.60
Total expense	$229.50
Total balance	$244.10
Total old treasury	$403.95
Total in treasury	$648.05

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HELD WITH

The Church at

Black Creek

WILSON COUNTY, BLACK CREEK, N. C.
HELD IN FREMONT, N. C.
OCTOBER 20, 21, 22,

1967

Next session convenes with Bellamy Chapel, Wilson County, located Sharpsburg, N. C., Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1968.

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Proceedings

OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH BLACK CREEK CHURCH, BLACK CREEK, N. C.

On Friday October 20, service was held in Fremont, N. C., in Little Nahunta Church. Service began at 11:00 o'clock a. m.. Service was called to order by the Moderator. Sang for opening of service hymn 155 lined by Elder Robert Revis, the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Elder Lawrence Reid. The the Modertor called Elder F. L. Coley to preach the introductory sermon. Elder Coley arose, sang hymn 143, used for his text 2 Peter 3:10. Then the Moderator called Elder Earl Holt to preach the alternate sermon. Elder Holt arose, sang hymn 364, no special text, was blessed to preach wonderfully. Elder Dave Bullock arose, sang hymn 514 for closing until after dinner. Benediction by Elder David Bullock.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The association assembled with the Moderator present. Sang hymn 189 lined by Elder F. L. Coley. Prayer was offered by Elder Alexander Darden. Then the Moderator announced the conference open for business.

On motion the delegates retired and chose their Moderator and other officers. It pleased them to choose Elder Robert Revis for their Moderator. Elder F. L. Coley for their Clerk, Brother L. H. Coley the association Treasurer. Brother Hermon Bowden to record the ministers' text from day to day. Elder Lawrence Reid, Elder F. L. Coley, Elder Cutler Sauls and Brother L. H. Coley the Building Committee. Elder Lawrence Reid, chairman.

On motion a portion of the Scripture be read for our lesson. It pleased the mind of the Moderator to read Matt. 18:1-15.

On motion the delegates and brethren be invited to sit with us and feel themselves at home.

On motion the churches of the Contentnea Association be called and the messengers' names enrolled.

Black Creek: Brother Debro Bunch and Brother L. H. Coley.
Bellamy Chapel: Brother Bennie Bryant.
Bellamy Grove: Elder Cutler Sauls and Brother Ruben Howell.
Shady Grove: Deacon Brutus Hooks and Brother L. H. Coley.
Piney Grove: Deacon Brutus Hooks and Brother L. H. Coley.
Sims Chapel: Elder Cutler Sauls and Brother L. H. Coley.
Little Nahunta: Elder Cutler Sauls and Brother L. H. Coley.
On motion corresponding delegates be called.
Corresponding: No messenger.

Bethlehem: Elder George Smith came forward reporting peace with a file of minutes. Next session in 1968 at the Antioch Church near Kingsboro, N. C.

Union: Brother James Finch came forward reporting peace with a file of minutes. Next session in 1968 to be held with the Mt. Zion Grove Church near Greenville, N. C.

Loving: Elder Gold Pollard came forward reporting peace with a file of minutes. Next session in 1968 to be held with the Edney Chapel Church near Jacksville, N. C. about 9 miles west on Rt. 258.

Little River: No messenger.
Piedmont: No messenger.
Radicue: No messenger.
Long Branch: No messenger.
Tar River: No messenger.
Coopers Grove: No messenger.
Sandy Ridge: No messenger.

On motion the messengers be received with and by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to them.

On motion the Arrangement Committee on preaching be appointed. They appointed Elder Lawrence Reid, Elder Cutler Sauls and Brother Debro Bunch.

On motion the Finance Committee be appointed. They appointed Elder Lawrence Reid, Elder F. L. Coley, Deacon Brutus Hooks and Brother L. H. Coley.

On motion the Arrangement Committee on preaching make their report. They reported to send Brother Mack Bunch to open and preach. Brother Thomas Farmer, Brother Bennie Bryant and Elder David Bullock.

On motion petitionary letters be called for. Their were none. On motion the delegates retire and say where the next association is to go. It pleased the mind of them to send it to the Bellamy Chapel Church in Sharpsburg, N. C. in the year 1968. Elder Robert Revis to preach introductory sermon. Elder Lawrence Reid the alternate sermon.

On motion if there be other business, conference close until Saturday 10:00 a. m. Sang hymn 506 lined by Elder F. L. Coley. Benediction by Elder Gold Pollard.

Elder Robert Revis, Moderator
Elder F. L. Coley, Clerk
Brother L. H. Coley, Treasurer

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION AT NORWAYNE SCHOOL

The Association assembled with the Moderator present. Sang hymn 76 for opening lined by the Moderator Elder Robert Revis. Prayer was offered by Elder Cutler Sauls. Then the conference was open for business.

On motion the church roll of the Contentnea be called. All present.

On motion the Corresponding Association be called.

Corresponding: Absent.

Long Branch: Absent.

Tar River: Elder G. C. Payton came forward reporting peace with a file of minutes. Next session 1968 to be held with the Sandy Point Church in Williamston, N. C., 3rd weekend in October.

Coopers Grove: Elder Irvin Moore came forward reporting peace with a file of minutes. Next session at the usual place near Cheek Crossing, near Mebane, N. C., 1968, third weekend in August.

Radicue: Elder Rufus Jones came forward reporting peace with a file of minutes. Next session in 1968 to be held with the Savannah Church, near Conetta, N. C. 1st weekend in October.

Bethlehem: Absent.

Little River: Elder Lawrence Bethea came forward reporting peace and love. Next session in Smithfield, N. C. with the Mount Moriah Church, 1968 2nd weekend in October.

Piedmont: Elder E. A. Edwards came forward reporting peace with a file of minutes. Next session to be held with the Ephesus Church near Rocky Mount, Va., Rt. 40 east, fourth weekend in September.

Sandy Ridge: Elder C. H. Jamerson came forward reporting peace with a file of minutes. Next session to be held with the Little Richmond Church, better known as Black Jack, near Mt. Airy, N. C., 1968, third weekend in October.

On motion Friday evening session be read.

On motion Friday evening session be received.

The Moderator then recalled for petitionary.

Elder Roosevelt Thomas from the Chestnut Knob District came forward seeking correspondence, reporting they were in peace and love, he being the Moderator with a file of minutes.

On motion the Contentnea Association receive Elder Thomas by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Elder, inviting him to feel at home. There next session to be held with the Rock Run Church in 1968 near Bassett, Va, second weekend in Aug.

On motion the arranging committee on preaching report. They reported to send Brother Mack Bunch to open. Brother James Finch preach. Elder Gold Pollard, Elder Irwin Moore, Elder Rufus Jones.

On motion the Circular Letter be read.

On motion the Circular Letter be received.

On motion the Clerk write the Circular Letter.

On motion the old Treasurer make his report. See Statistical Table. On motion the report be received.

On motion the Moderator and the Clerk supervise the printing of 500 minutes and distributing.

On motion the Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum and church government be printed in the minutes. On motion conference close until after dinner. Sang hymn 505 lined by Elder G. C. Payton.

Benediction by Elder G. C. Payton.

Elder Robert Revis, Moderator
Elder F. L. Coley, Clerk
Brother L. H. Coley, Treasurer

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

The association assembled with the Moderator present. Sang hymn 355 lined by Brother Bennie Bryant. Prayer was offered by Elder Roosevelt Thomas. Then the conference was announced open for business.

On motion the roll of the Contentnea churches be called.. All present.

On motion corresponding associations roll be called.

Corresponding: Elder Earnest Farmer came forward reporting peace. Next session to be held with the Ennes Chapel Church in Bethel, N. C., 1968, 2nd weekend in October. All other associations except Long Branch reported.

On motion Arrangement Committee on preaching make their report. They reported Brother Bennie Bryant to open. Brother Hezekiah Bunch preach. Elder James Ross, Elder James Dickens.

On motion the letters from the different churches be read. They were all read and received. See Statistical Table.

On motion the Saturday morning session be read.

On motion the Saturday session be received.

On motion Finance Committee make their report. They reported $415.00.

On motion their report be received.

On motion delegates be appointed to visit our corresponding Association with whom we correspond.

Sandy Ridge: Elder F. L. Coley.
Coopers Grove: Brother L. H. Coley.
Tar River: Brother Debro Bunch.
Piedmont: Elder F. L. Coley.
Long Branch: Brother Herman Bowden.
Corresponding: Brother Bennie Bryant.
Bethlehem: Elder Lawrence Reid.
Radicue: Brother Alford Holland.
Loving: Brother Herman Bowden.
Union: Brother L. H. Coley.
Little River: Elder Robert Revis.
Chestnut Nob: Elder Cutler Sauls.

On motion we pay our Clerk $15.00 for his service.

On motion the Association assessments remain. Male $10.00; female $5.00.

On motion we pay our text writer $8.00 for his service. It was agreed to give our Moderator $30.00 for his service.

On motion the Saturday evening session be read.

On motion Saturday evening session be received.

On motion the association pay her expense.

There was space given for Elders and brethren to speak encouraging words. They came as follows: Elder Robert Revis, Elder E. A. Edwards, Elder Roosevelt Thomas, Elder Rufus Jones, Elder C. H. Jamerson and Elder F. L. Coley. They all seemed to be blessed with the spirit that was once delivered to the saints to show brotherly love.

On motion conference close until Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1968. Sang hymn 617 lined by Elder F. L. Coley. Benediction by Elder Roosevelt Thomas.

Elder Robert Revis, Moderator
Elder F. L. Coley, Clerk
Brother L. H. Coley, Treasurer

FRIDAY EVENING AT THE STAND

Opened by Brother Mack Bunch. Sang hymn 372 for opening and prayer was offered by Brother Mack Bunch. Then Brother Bunch arose and preached, no special text. Then Brother Thomas Farmer arose and preached, no special text. Then Brother Bennie Bryant arose, sang hymn 88 and preached, no special text. Then Elder David Bullock arose, sang hymn 76, used for his text St. Matthew 16:13 and preached wonderfully. Then Elder Alexander Darden arose, sang hymn 1 for closing. Benediction by Elder Darden. Donation $9.51.

SATURDAY MORNING AT THE STAND

The conference sent to open Brother Mack Bunch. He sang hymn 364. Prayer was offered by Brother Mack Bunch. Then he called Brother James Finch to preach. Brother Finch arose, sang hymn 288 and preached wonderfully. Then he called Elder Gold Pollard. He arose, sang hymn 400. Used for his text John 14:1. Then he called Elder Ervin Moore. He omitted singing, used for his text St. John 15. Then Elder Rufus Jones arose and preached love. His text was hymn 141. Closed by singing hymn 530 lined by Elder Daniel Staton. Benediction by Elder John Charles.

SATURDAY EVENING AT THE STAND

The conference sent Brother Bennie Bryant to conduct the opening by offering prayer. Then he called Brother Hezekiah Bunch. He

sang hymn 490 and he preached wonderfully. Then Elder James Rouse arose and preached wonderfully. Then Elder James Dickens arose and preached wonderfully. Then Elder Obediah Niblett arose, sang hymn 400 and preached wonderfully. Sang hymn 617 lined by Elder Daniel Staton for closing benediction by Eld. A. H. Humphery.

SATURDAY NINGHT AT THE STAND

Service was opened by Elder Cutler Sauls. Sang hymn 356. Prayer was offered by Deacon Virtus Richardson. Then Elder Sauls presented to preach Elder Robert Daniel. He omitted singing. Used for his text St. John 15. Then called Elder George Smith. He arose, sang hymn 460. He used for his text Rev. 14:1. Then he called Elder Raymond Roundtree. He arose, sang hymn 514. Used for his text St. John 4:10. Then he called Elder E. A. Edwards. He arose, omitted singing, used for his text Jonah 3. Then he called Elder Hanest, used for his text St. John 9. Then he called Elder Alexander Darden. He used for his text Daniel 8:3-16. Then he called Elder Ruffin Hyman. He omitted singing. Used for his text Jonah 3. Elder F. L. Coley came forward, used hymn 615 for closing of the service. Benediction by Elder Ruffin Hyman.

SUNDAY AT THE STAND—A. M.

The service was opened by Elder F. L. Coley singing hymn 345. Prayer was offered by Deacon Arthur Council. Then Elder F. L. Coley came forward and read St. Matthew 7:1-3 for Scripture lesson. Then Elder Cutler Sauls came forward and presented to preach Brother Hezekiah Bunch. He sang hymn 490 and preached wonderfully. Then Elder Obediah Niblett arose, sang hymn 530; used for his text St. John 14:1. Then Elder C. H. Jamerson arose, sang hymn 393. Used for his text Exodus 6:6, 7. Then Elder Rufus Jones arose, used for his text 2 Tim. 1-9. Then Elder Roosevelt Thomas arose, sang hymn 616 and preached wonderfully. Then Elder G. C. Payton arose, sang hymn 133. Used for his text Daniel 3:1. Then Elder Sandy Brown arose, sang hymn 3. Used for his text, Rev. 21:1. Then Elder Lawrence Bethea arose, sang hymn 288 and preached wonderfully. Then Elder Cecil Alston arose, sang hymn 3, used for his text John 14. Then Elder Robert Revis arose, and preached wonderfully and then thanked the people for their support in the association. Then Elder F. L. Coley arose and chose hymn 570 for the closing hymn of the association. Benediction by Elder David Bullock.

Elder Robert Revis, Moderator
Elder F. L. Coley, Clerk

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS' NAMES

Long Branch: Elder James Dickins
Tar River: Elder G. C. Payton
Corresponding: Elder Earnest Farmer
Sandy Ridge: Elder C. H. Jamerson
Coopers Grove: Elder Ervin Moore
Radicue: Elder Rufus Jones
Bethlehem: Elder George Smith
Union: Brother James Finch
Loving: Elder Gold Pollard
Little River: Elder Lawrence Bethea
Piedmont: Elder E. A. Edwards
Chestnut Knob: Elder Roosevelt Thomas

CORRESPONDING MINISTERS WHO VISITED OUR ASSOCIATION

Elder Raymond Roundtree
Elder Robert Daniel
Elder Daniel Staton
Elder L. H. Harriston
Elder Jimmie Ross
Elder Alexander Darden
Elder Obediah Niblett
Elder William Harriston
Elder Ruffin Hyman
Elder A. H. Humphery
Elder Cecil Alston
Elder Kemp Adkison
Elder Jethro Dickerson
Elder Sandy Brown
Elder Lesley Blow
Elder Uriah Parker
Elder David Bullock
Elder Fred Lucus
Elder Earnest Farmer
Brother Jethrow Dickerson, Jr.
Brother Thomas Farmer

To you ministering brethren: If we failed to enroll your name, we love you still the same. It was beyond our control is why we don't have you enrolled. We love you still the same as brothers in Jesus' name. Come to see us as often as you can. As brother in one Lord, for without this glorious correspondence we would be put to a loss. So let us live together in one accord, as it is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Elder Robert Revis, Moderator
Elder F. L. Coley, Clerk
Brother L. H. Coley, Treasurer

CIRCULAR LETTER

In the year of our Lord 1967. Dear Brethren,—We are thankful that the Lord has blessed us to meet again in another association in his name we trust. We do hope this glorious correspondence may forever remain and we will grow stronger and stronger in the wisdom of the holy One which is Christ the Lord.

Dear Brethren, we desire to be led by the Spirit of God, for as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God.

This done by the order of the association conference, 1967.

Elder Robert Revis, Moderator
Elder F. L. Coley, Clerk
Brother L. H. Coley, Treasurer

OBITUARIES

In remembrance of our former Moderator, Elder W. M. K. Taylor, who departed this life May 1960, 16th day at the age of 78 years. We do believe we lost a good shepherd, one that went before the people as a shepherd to his flock. We do feel our loss is heaven's gain. Sleep on, take your rest. We love you but God loves you best and has taken you in rest.

This done by the order of the Moderator, Elder Robert Revis.

BELLAMY CHAPEL CHURCH—

Elder S. L. Woodard, the pastor of this church, departed this life October 26, 1966 at the age of 82 years, 8 months. He was a good shepherd and was loved by his members of the church. We all love him but God loves him best. Sleep on, Elder Woodard, rest from your labor. —From the Church

BELLAMY GROVE CHURCH—

Sister Elizabeth Bunch, the mother of this church, departed this life July 5, 1967. She was a faithful member and mother as long as she was able. Sleep and take your rest. We love you but God loves you best.—The Church

SIMS CHAPEL CHURCH—

Brother Rommie Newsome who was a members of this church departed this life July 29, 1967. He was a good, quiet, peaceful and loving brother. Always you would find him trying to work for peace. We all will miss Brother Newsome very much and do feel our loss is heaven's gain. Gone but not forgotten.—The Church

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ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENT

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association, who shall be members supposed to be the best qualified for that purpose, and those producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats in the Association provided the church is in peace at the time the appointment is made.

2. In these letters presented by said members shall be recorded the number of members in full fellowship, how many received, how many dismissed or excluded, and those who died since last Association convened.

3. Members thus chosen and convened shall denominate the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be of the body chosen by the members that compose the Association; they shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

6. The names of the members that constitute the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may require.

7. In case a new church desires to be admitted to this union, they shall petition by letter and legal representatives and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator extending to the messenger the right hand of fellowship.

8. It shall not be the duty of the Moderator to vote in the Association, but in the case of a division in the Association the Moderator shall appoint a committee to investigate and shall execute his own judgment according to the report of the committee as to who is in order or disorder.

and principles that demonstrate the original Primitive Baptist cause, the messengers that constitute the Association shall be authorized

9. If any minister is not found adhering to the orthodox doctrines by the Moderator to investigate this matter at any time available.

10. Visiting brethren may be invited to assist in the Association in every way except to vote.

11. If any church of this Association shall become grievous, failing to report, it shall be under the immediate censure of the Association.

12. The Association shall furnish the churches of the union with Minutes of the proceedings.

13. Clerk shall have a book in which shall be recorded the proceedings of each Association and when and where the Association will be held at the different churches in the union.

14. We believe it to be absolutely necessary to have a fund for defraying expenses of the Association and recommend that each church composing it, voluntarily contribute such sum as they think proper and send it by the messenger to the Association, which money shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall account for the same and pay it out as directed by the Association.

15. Every query presented by any messenger in the Association

shall be read and before it shall be debated, the Moderator shall put it to a vote as to whether it shall be debated, otherwise the query must be withdrawn.

16. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.

17. The Association shall provide a general union among the churches, shall preserve inviolably a chain of communion among the same, shall give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty, shall have power to withdraw from any church composing the union which violates the rules of the Association, or deviates from the orthodox principles by a majority vote.

On motion agreed that no elder or deacon shall have the power to carry any of Contentnea property to any other circuit or Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is one true and living God.

2. We believe in His divinity and God-head.

3. We believe that there are three distinct supreme characters, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

4. We believe that He is a God of purpose and that all His purposes are carried into effect by Him.

5. We believe in His foreknowledge of all things.

6. We believe that the soul of man is saved by the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, unmerited by anything that man can do, but is alone the gift of God to man, freely bestowed on him by God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that the secret faith is made known by revelation, being revealed to man by Almighty God.

8. We believe in experience of grace.

9. We believe in baptism by immersion.

10. We believe that the happiness of the saints is eternal and the punishment of the wicked is everlasting.

11. We believe in the everlasting covenant entered into between the Father and Son.

12. We believe in the atonement made by Jesus for all the elect of God that were given to Jesus Christ before the world was.

13. We believe in the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet.

14. We believe in the perseverance of the saints.

15. We believe it is impossible for them to fall away.

16. We believe in the resurrection of the dead.

17. We believe in Judgment Day, and that the Judge of the whole earth will do right.

18. We believe that the Holy Bible is the word of God, and is a sufficient guide for all believers through time.

RULES OF MINISTERS

1. He shall bring his gift before conference and stand upon the floor and have Exhorting License and when he improves his license, then give him Minister's License. He is not to baptize any member until he is ordained.

2. That we recommend to the church composing the same that no one is ordained to the Ministry of the Word, unless some church requests his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member would be willing to have him as her pastor and that if she has none she actually chooses him as such.

3. If any minister violates these rules he must be tried before the church with Elders and Decorum.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. We agree to hold conference four times a year and as often as we see fit.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be appointed.
3. Conference shall be opened by praise and prayer.
4. The door of the church shall be opened for reception of members to fellowship.
5. The state and standing of the church shall be inquired into.
6. No member shall leave the conference without permission of the Moderator.
7. The minority shall submit to the majority in all cases except receiving members to fellowship and to office; this shall be unanimous.
8. Any business brought up in the church shall be read three times before acted upon.
9. We agree that if any member shall violate these rules, such member shall be dealt with according to gospel order.
10. We agree to commune four times a year when all is well.
11. We agree to wash feet once a year at each church.
12. No member shall have any right to contract any business of the church without the liberty of the church to do so.
13. If any member of the church become dissatisfied with the rules of the church they shall be excluded from fellowship until they can give satisfaction and then be restored.
14. Be it resolved that we will withdraw fellowship from any member that will not pay his or her honest debt, if they are able to work.
15. If any member shall wilfully absent himself or herself from communion, he or she shall make their reasons known to the church.
16. If any member violates any of these rules they shall be brought to trial. They must be first tried by their own church.
17. If any member sees another transgress the rules of the church and does not report it to the church after complying with Matthew 18, they are liable to be tried before the church themselves.
18. If any minister, deacon, or clerk transgress these rules, the church shall have power to call help from other churches to aid in settling it.
19. We agree to not commune with any person unless they are baptised in our faith and order.
20. We agree to commune with Predestinarian Baptists who are in good standing.
21. No exhorting minister shall be admitted to the stand only by preaching his trial sermon, only in a Union or an Association.
22. We agree male members pay $10.00, female members pay $5.00 Association fees.
23. No ordination shall be done unless it is in a Union or an Association.
24. No traffic or trade shall be nearer than 150 yards of the church ground.
25. No minister, or member shall have a right to carry any of Contentnea Association property to any other Association.
26. This done by order of the Association conference.

ELDER ROBERT REVIS, Moderator
ELDER F. L. COLEY, Clerk

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND CHURCHES	PASTORS	MESSENGERS	Annual or Com.	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
Black Creek—Wilson	Elder Robert Revis	Bros. Debro Bunch, L. H. Coley	Feb.	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	21	$95.00
Bellamy Chapel—Wilson	In hand of Moderator	Bro. Bennie Bryant	Mar.	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	17	80.00
Bellamy Grove—Johnson	Elder Cutler Sauls	Eld. C. Sauls, Bro. Ruby Howell	Mar.	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	10.00
Shady Grove—Wayne	Elder Robert Revis	Dea. B. Hooks, Bro. L. H. Coley	Feb.	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	37	195.00
Piney Grove—Wayne	Elder Lawrence Reid	Dea. B. Hooks, Bro. L. H. Coley	Feb.	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	10.00
Sims Chapel—Johnson	Elder Cutler Sauls	Eld. C. Sauls, Bro. L. H. Coley	Mar.	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	5.00
Little Nahunta—Wayne	Elder Cutler Sauls	Eld. C. Sauls, Bro. L. H. Coley	Mar.	2	....	....	....	....	1	....	3	20.00
		Totals							1	3	83	

Total from churches	$415.00
Total public offering	226.98
Total in all received	$641.98
Total expense	301.98
Banked new account	$340.00
Old Treasury	$823.86
Total treasury	$1,163.86